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Clinton Sidesteps Foes to Aid Mexico

INTERNATIONAL CTIDUITE

President Gives Up on Congress and Turns Elsewhere for Loans

By Paul F. Horvitz

Herald interior

Mexican pasos

per dollar, inverse scale

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's aid plan for Mexico collapsed Tuesday, but the president swiftly announced that he would bypass Congress and order new U.S. loans to supplement a fresh international rescue package totaling \$50 bil-

After three weeks of urgent talks during the peso's sharp decline, Mr. Clinton was forced to abandon his effort to win congressional approval of \$40 billion in loan guarantees to help Mexico pay its growing

ity to create a \$20 billion line of credit for Mexico, \$11 billion more than had previously been promised by the United States. He also disclosed that the International Monetary Fund and central banks in the wealthy industrial nations, including the Federal Reserve, would together raise their credit lines to Mexico to \$27.5 billion.

Bypassing Congress was necessary, a top U.S. official said, "because the pros-pects of default by the Mexican government in its obligations became very real" and because of congressional reluctance to pass the loan guarantees

"We cannot risk further delay," Mr. Clinton declared after a morning meeting tive plan would face a long delay and possible defeat. "I will act to protect our

Currency and stock traders were encouraged by the president's announcement, sending the peso, the dollar and the Mexican stock market sharply higher. The peso closed at 5.6950 to the dollar, compared with its Monday close of 6.3500, while the Mexican stock market rose 10.2 percent.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said, "The financial distress had reached the

at the White House in which top leaders in Congress told the president that his legislathat the president act and act now."

The startling development in Washington appears to mean that the Treasury will use its multibillion-dollar Exchange Stabilization Fund for the first time to prop up a currency other than the dollar.

"We feel," Mr. Rubin said, "there is a very high probability that this will be successful in re-establishing confidence in Mexico, causing private capital markets to again work and allowing the strong fundamentals of the Mexican economy to reas-

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100,000 Flee As Rivers in Netherlands Keep Rising

Tuesday

Dollar and Peso Rebound

Deutsche marks

per dollar

Monday

Trading Monday and Tuesday

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

AMSTERDAM — Caravans of cars. trucks, buses, tractors and bicycles --cases and furniture - choked roads out of flooded regions of the Netherlands on Tuesday as the country faced its greatest natural catastrophe in more than 40 years. Nearly 100,000 people have left their names, and the authorities Tuesday urged

more than 140,000 more to do so. The flood claimed its first Dutch victim Tuesday as one of two people who washed into the Waal River near the village of Winssen drowned

In much of Germany, Belgium and France, the floodwaters stopped rising and even began to recede on Tuesday. But in the Netherlands, experts said the flooding had probably not yet reached its peak. The death toll in the latest flooding

across northwestern Europe was reported at 29, with several other people missing. Rob Wéeda, spokesman for a crisis relief center in Arnhem. Netherlands, said. "it's a giant exodus, everyone moving at the same time on two-lane roads. It was unavoidable when the

reached unprecedented levels," Mr. Weeda said. "It is forecast to reach its high point on Wednesday afternoon and hold for some days. That could put such pressure on the dikes that experts said they could not guarantee the dikes would hold."

Dutch television broadcast aerial footage showing villages where only the tops of houses were visible. A sequence from Venlo, on the German border, showed residents rowing through their neighborhood 25 debris floated past. Some homes were completely submerged.

The police were under orders to remove anyone in the affected area of the Netherlands who refused evacuation. Large areas of the country were declared "no-go zones," where no one will be allowed to enter until the flooding recedes.

Areas around Nijmegen, Arnhem and Bommelerwaard were inundated. At Lobith, on the German border, floodwaters from the Rhine were measured at 54 feet 6 inches above sea level.

In Germany, floodwaters from the swollen Rhine River began slowly to fall back on Tuesday after cresting in Cologne on Monday night at 10.69 meters (34 feet), the highest for nearly 70 years, and three times more than the normal level. Large sections of Cologne remained under more than two

meters of water. This week's deluge called up the collective Dutch memory of the 1953 flood that was this country's worst modern peacetime disaster. In that flood, waters from the North Sea broke through dikes in the southern province of Zeeland, taking more

than 1,800 lives. This week's flooding was triggered by heavy rains that have been falling over much of northern Europe for days. It was the second time in as many winters that the region has been devastated by floods, leading some experts to suggest that a new

meteorological pattern was emerging. The Netherlands' environmental minister, Margaretha de Boer, said that the See FLOODS, Page 5



Residents of the Dutch villages of Arcen and Velden passing sandbags Tuesday to reinforce dikes along the Meuse River in Limburg Province. Flooding has forced thousands in northern Europe to flee

Islamic Edict Complicates Mideast Peace

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Times Service PARIS - An explosive argument over whether making peace with Israel conforms to the precepts of Islam is building among Muslim theologians in Saudi Arabia and Egypt, adding a new layer of complications to the Middle East peace

The issue flared after Saudi Arabia's highest theological authority, Sheikh Abdel Aziz ibn Baaz, issued a religious edict, or fatwa, in December affirming the right of Saudi rulers to pursue normal relations with Israel.

Sheikh Baaz cited a verse from the Koran — "If thy enemy moves toward peace, you shall too, placing your dependence upon God" — as a basis for his ruling that Saudi leaders may seek, under some cu-

The edict went on to say it would therefore be illegal and sinful for faithful Muslims to obstruct the Saudi rulers' decision to negotiate with their Israeli enemies.

Sheikh Basz wrote that in view of Prophet Mohammed's willingness to declare a truce with his enemies in the battle of Mecca, "it is proper for the ruler to agree to a truce if he sees there is benefit in

As Saudi Arabia's supreme religious figure, the sheikh is in charge of Islamic institutions that encompass tens of thousands of students, teachers and officials in theological universities, religious minis-

tries, Koranic schools and mosques. Arab diplomats familiar with these developments said the edict had been solicited by the Saudi royal family to endorse its

cumstances, to make peace with Jews. decision to lift a boycott imposed by Arab countries on companies dealing with Israel Saudi Arabia and Arab emirates in the Gulf officially lifted the ban last fall.

Signals from Gulf Arab governments that they are heading toward a greater opening with Israel had aroused significant protests all summer from the religious establishments in the Gulf region and among Muslim fundamentalists in Egypt, who are in close touch with the Gulf fun-

In Saudi Arabia, some preachers in their Friday sermons denounced talk of normalizing ties with Israel as contrary to the teachings of Islam. The government began arresting scores of religious figures and their followers in September to still the criticism, which was also expressed in leaf-See ISLAM, Page 5

France Calls for 'Last-Chance' Talks on Bosnia

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS -- Warning that a wider Balkan conflagration could happen by spring. France on Tuesday proposed a last-gasp international conference to resolve territorial claims by rebel Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia before all hope for peace in the former Yugoslavia was dashed.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppé declared that the only way to break the impasse and avoid a deadly new cycle of fighting was to convene "a summit meeting of the main protagonists in the tragedy," followed by broader talks involving the United States, Russia and the European Union.

"I have reached the conviction that this is the last-chance scenario for everyone," Mr. Juppé said in the newspaper Le

"In three months, we risk seeing Bosnia in flames again, and also Serbs and Croats fighting in Krajina with the threat of contagion spreading to the whole of the ex-Yugoslavia."

The prospect of intensified warfare throughout the region has grown more ominous in recent days as the governments of Croatia and Bosnia step up pressure to recapture lost territory, while rebel Serbs in both states continue to reject compromise peace proposals.

In Croatia, President Franjo Tudiman has vowed to expel 12,000 United Nations peacekeepers by the end of March. They have served as a buffer between Croatia's forces and the rebel Serbs who occupy much of the Krajina region, a large slice of mountainous territory along the Bosnian

The Croatian Serbian minority seized the area, which makes up about one-third of the country, after becoming alarmed about their fate when Croatia seceded from Yugoslavia in 1991. They have vowed to establish an independent republic, with

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A Weary Warrior Tells Of Taking On Russians

Familiar Turf Is Advantage, He Says

By Michael Specter New York Times Service

SHCHELKOVSKAYA, Russia --Bathed by the glow of a single candle, dressed in a cheap track suit like the taxi driver be used to be, Ramzan Maltsegov looks like anything but the stereotype of the fierce Chechen warrior.

There is no gleaming knife strapped to his thigh. He talks so softly it is almost impossible to hear what he says. But Mr. Maltsegov is a man who has seen — and caused — enough death to last a lifetime.

He turned up Tuesday at a quiet home in this village, 40 kilometers north of Grozny, the Chechen capital, seeking a place to sleep and a brief respite from the war for Chechnya. He did not know the owners, but they were happy to feed

Mr. Maltsegov, a rail-thin, 31-year-old father of four, said he had fought constantly since the Russian attack. He said he had spent four days in a bunker beneath the former KGB building in the center of the city, afraid to emerge and unable to move. His harrowing descriptions of the savage civil war were detailed enough to leave little doubt he was telling the truth.

"They will never control the city," he said, explaining that he had also spent from Jan. 6 to 12 in the bunker of the

Presidential Palace, which has now been almost destroyed.

"We fight for a week and then a new group comes in and we rest," he said. "In each battle group there can be from 20 to 50 people."

He talked at length about the disastrous initial Russian attack on the Chechen capital, one of the most humiliating moments in Russia's modern military history, in which hundreds of soldiers were sent to the city without maps, battle plans or the ability to communicate with reinforcements or their

"That night they came in with enormous force," he said of the New Year's Eve assault. "It was only the fact that we had anti-tank grenades that saved us. In every house, every corner, every basement, we waited for them as they came into the city." When the tanks arrived at their positions in the center of the town they were destroyed en masse.

Asked if the Russians had learned anything from that first offensive, he replied curtly: "They have learned nothing. But the people who have been taken prisoner by them have learned what torture is," repeating an oftenheard, though unproven, allegation that Russian soldiers are torturing prisoners

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A Fatal Train Collision in England

CARLISLE, England (AFP) — One person died and about 30 were injured late Tuesday when two passenger trains crashed in a remote valley in Cumbria, northern England, the authorities said. A spokesman for Cumbria Fire Service was quoted by satellite television as saying one person had died and that

there were about 30 "walking wound-

The police said the trains collided at 7:00 P.M. on the line between the towns of Carlisle and Settle.

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New Troops for Old Battle on Peru-Ecuador Border

By Gabriel Escobar Washington Post Service

CHACRAS, Ecuador - The Peruvian Army is entrenched in a mango grove across the international boundary, a river that at this point dwindles to a brook. That is all that separates the "enemy" from this town where Ecuadorans have died for their country before and vow they will defend it again to the death.

A border clash in the virtually unpopulated mountains northeast of here has turned into a tense stalemate along this more crowded portion of the border.

As Ecuadoran and Peruvian troops move into towns and fortify their positions, the elderly, women and children on both sides are moving out -- sometimes voluntarily and sometimes under military orders - leaving their homes in the hands of husbands, sons and soldiers. (Ecuador said Tuesday that it had agreed to a cease-fire with Peru, but Peruvian officials later said Lima had not agreed to a halt in hostilities, The Associated Press reported from Quito. Diplomats from the two countries

met in Rio de Janeiro to discuss the dispute.] Each side in the fighting over a remote stretch of land in the Cordillera del Condor has reported casualties, and an official of the International Red Cross said both sides apparently had taken prisoners. Still, there was no con-

firmed report of any fighting Tuesday.

But the reports from the front and the deployment of troops have raised the level of anxiety along this border, where Peruvians and Ecuadorans fought a war in 1941 and have had to live with periodic tension. Over the last few days, towns and villages in both countries promoted

"civic fervor" marches. In Huaquillas, connected by a bridge to the Peruvian town of Aguas Verdes, the border was still open but tension was notable. Commerce between the two sides, the economic engine of the region, fell to a trickle, and residents said Ecuadoran soldiers had prevented them from traveling to Aguas Verdes to sell produce. A flier circulating on the streets in Huaquillas referred to Peru as the "aggressor to the south" and urged people to march to

Here in Chacras, the scene of a revered stand by Equadoran soldiers in 1941, most of the families have left their homes and only a handful of people remain. Soldiers have dug foxholes along a stretch of the Pan-American Highway and deployed along the border.

"We want this decided once and for all, through peaceful means or with weapons," said José Monje Rodríguez, 72, a veteran of 1941. "We don't want to live under a threat any more; they will have to walk over our

Although the two countries have maintained cordial relations for years, the border disputes are not forgotten by either side. Ecuador is particularly sensitive because it has been on the losing side of several land disputes, and large tracts of territory have been ceded to Brazil, Colom-

In January 1942, Peru and Ecuador signed the Protocol of Rio de Janeiro, which was approved by the legislative bodies of both countries and should have settled the border dispute. But the area where the conflict has now erupted was never marked off, and Ecuador challenged the accord in 1960. Now the belief that the zone is rich in

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Europeans and Arabs Shrug Off U.S. Reversal on Test Ban

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS - In finally agreeing to drop an obscure demand in connection with a proposed treaty banning nuclear tests, the Clinton administration has done little to strengthen the prospects for achieving the broader goal of preventing nuclear proliferation, Western and Arabofficials said Tuesday.

They were reacting to the U.S. policy switch on a test ban this weekend that appears to be aimed mainly at persuading more nations to sign up for another, quite separate agreement: the nonproliferation treaty. Coming up for renewal in April, it concerns limits on the nuclear aspirations of all countries, regardless of whether they already have such weapons.

That treaty should be given permanent status, according to the United States. So, as a gesture of good intentions. Washington dropped its demand - which was controversial from the outset - for the right to opt out after 10 years from a comprehensive test ban treaty now being negoti-

ated in Geneva for signature this year or next. The U.S. concession, in practice, is minor, U.S. officials acknowledged Tuesday, because the sophistication of American technology allows

weapons designers to test new nuclear arms without the need for explosions. Initially, however, the Clinton administration acceded to the longstanding doctrine, enshrined in the Pentagon, that any ban on nuclear testing

might close the door on inventions that could lead to the development of new types of In the broader context of nuclear security for the West, the U.S. position "amounted to technicians' demand for scientific overkill," a British

The U.S. tactic is welcome, European officials said, if it foreshadows strong U.S. diplomatic pressure, including economic and other pressure on holdout nations as different as Mexico and Kuwait, to get a permanent nonproliferation

into a permanent agreement.

Regional tensions — for example, Arab countries' resentment at Israel's nuclear potential explain the reluctance of numerous nations in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and South America to sign an agreement renouncing their hopes of joining the club of nuclear-armed nations.

These political ambitions are unlikely to be changed, Arab officials said, simply by a flurry of promises to curtail U.S. programs. European officials added that the Clinton administration should never have allowed the demand for an official said, and the only surprise was how long it took the Clinton administration to drop it.

escape clause to be imposed in the first place by nuclear hawks in Washington.

Similarly, a French official challenged U.S. negotiating tactics - characterized as "last-minute demagoguery by the Clinton administration" - because Washington's approach may have made the nonproliferation treaty hostage to an agreement on nuclear testing.

Without that pressure, they said, it may be "It may be impossible to sign a serious, where the stimated 20 countries needed to hard to find the estimated 20 countries needed to able document on testing for another year, and some governments may now seize on this as a some government may now seize on this as a pretext for not signing the more fundamental treaty against prohieration," the French official

> France seems eager for a test-ban treaty, but French scientists are thought to need more time before they can rely on solely on simulations.

> U.S. officials Tuesday accused France and China of wanting a year's delay in signing a comprehensive test ban - in effect, the elimination of underground nuclear tests following the elimination of atmospheric tests.

> China set off its second test blast in four months last October.

U.S. officials, speaking as the Geneva disar-mament talks reopened, also urged that negotia-tions begin right away on a worldwide bar on the production of fissionable material - plutonium and highly enriched uranium - for nuclear

Arms Pact

With Russia

Not So Bad,

Helms Says

By Steven Greenhouse

New York Times Service

Clinton administration got some good news Tuesday in the Republican-led Congress's first hearing on the START-2 nucle-

ar treaty when Jesse Helms of North Carolina, a powerful

committee chairman who tradi-

tionally opposes many treaties,

had kind words for the accord

which calls for cutting Washington's and Moscow's nuclear

arsenals in half, "does meet rea-

sonable standards of safety" by

not cutting the American arse-

Nonetheless, Mr. Helms told the committee's leadoff witness.

Secretary of State Warren M.

Christopher, that he was con-cerned that Russia's brutal in-

tervention in the breakaway re-

gion of Chechnya meant

Moscow could not be trusted to

Claiming that Russia had killed 17,000 children in Chech-

nya, Mr. Helms said, "I hope they understand that my prob-

lem is if you cannot trust them

in one area, particularly where 17,000 little children are slaugh-

tered, how can you trust them" on adhering to their treaty com-

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WORLD BRIEFS

Coalition Might Fall, Austrian Warns

VIENNA (Reuters) — Austria's coalition government edged nearer collapse Tuesday after Vice Chancellor Erhard Busek said that failure to agree to a four-year budget plan would mean new

If agreement was not reached, said Mr. Busek, the head of the conservative Austrian People's Party, "the resignation of the government would be the only course." The coalition of the Social Democratic and People's parties has been weakened by elections in October that strengthened competition parties. In page 2. in October that strengthened opposition parties. In recent days, the defense spokesmen of both coalition parties were forced to

resign over a suggested kickback scheme.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, a Social Democrat, said the government's situation was "serious but not hopeless."

Clinton Drops Nominee to Panama

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — In another sign of the conserva-tives' ascension in Congress, President Bill Clinton on Tuesday withdrew his nomination for ambassador to Panama, a former government official opposed by Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The nominee, Robert Pastor, once an aide to President Jimmy Carter, had asked that his nomination be withdrawn "since Senator Helms made clear that he would not permit a vote" on it. Mr. Helms, who first blocked the nomination last year when he wir. riems, who has blocked the nomination last year when he was the ranking minority member, has criticized Mr. Pastor's role in negotiations with Haiti last year and has called him the chief architect of what he has termed the Carter administration's "giveaway" of the Panama Canal.

Danes Seek U.S. Data on B-52 Crash

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — Denmark said Tuesday that it would demand the release of classified data about the 1968 crash of an American B-52 nuclear bomber in Greenland and insist that the U.S. government clean up any remaining radioactive debris.

One of seven crew members died when the bomber crashed on
the ice near the U.S. base at Thule in the northwestern part of the

the ice near the U.S. base at Thule in the northwestern part of the Danish province. Hydrogen bombs were damaged in an ensuing fire, and radioactive debris was spread over a large area.

Danish television reported Sunday that newly released U.S. documents revealed that a U.S. submarine searched for an unspecified object under the ice where the bomber went down, several months after the official end of the U.S. clean-up operation. But key parts of the documents remained classified, fueling speculation in Denmark that a hydrogen bomb or parts of it remained on the seabed.

Algeria Pledges to Crush Militants

ALGIERS (Combined Dispatches) — President Liamine Zer-O oual vowed Tuesday to crush terrorism by Islamic fundamental ists after a car bomb killed 42 people, raising fears of a Ramadan Mr. Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Com-mittee, said that the treaty, offensive by guerrillas. More than 280 people, many of them children, were wounded.

"The whole world knows that the Algerian people and state will not yield before barbarism," General Zeronal said. "This type of operation gives us more strength and effectiveness in pursuing our struggle against these monsters until they are exterminated."

Newspapers said Tuesday that a suicide bomber driving a stolen Fiat packed with 100 kilograms of TNT had carried out the bombing Monday, the deadliest attack in three years of conflict in which more than 15,000 people have died. (AFP, Reuses)

U.S. Jet Is Missing Off Somali Coast

DUBAL, United Arab Emirates (Reuters) — A U.S. Navy Harrier jet was missing in the Indian Ocean after taking off from a ship overseeing the United Nations withdrawal from Somalia, a navy spokesman in the Gulf said Tuesday.

The jet, a one-seater, is attached to the Essex, an amphibious ship on six-months' duty in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf. The plane was about 3 kilometers from the Essex when the ship lost contact with the pilot.

Spain Sets Early Parliament Debate

MADRID (Reuters) — Spain's Socialist government has set the annual parliamentary debate on the state of the nation for Feb. 8, two months earlier than last year, in a bid to ease political tension and demonstrate its continuing stability.

A government spokesman said Tuesday that Prime Minister

idea that Russia could not be Felipe González would not seek a vote of confidence to counter a political crisis caused by accusations of official involvement in a secret war in the 1980s against members of the Basque separatist

> The turmoil, which has deeply unsettled Spain's financial markets, has prompted demands from opposition groups for Mr. González to resign or call early general elections, both of which the prime minister has rejected.

TRAVEL UPDATE

SAS Employees Threaten Walkout

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — SAS ground staff at Copenhagen's airport threatened Tuesday to strike starting Feb. 16 after

the collapse of negotiations over pay and benefits.

The strike would paralyze Danish domestic flights as well as the carrier's international network, the union said. The anion, which

Britain agreed Tuesday to give the Philippines £4.16 million

China After Deng Called 'Up for Grabs'

American Interests at Risk, A Pentagon Report Warns

odds are 50-50 of a Soviet-style breakup of China after the death of its paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, according to a study for the Defense Depart-

"China is up for grabs once Deng passes away," according to a report by a group of univer-sity and business scholars. In releasing the study, the Pentagon noted that it did not reflect official U.S. policy.

The study said that the odds of China's continuing much the way it is after Mr. Deng's death were about 30 percent. It said the prospect of China turning to liberal reforms favored by the West was the least likely, presumably the remaining 20

The study said the odds of a breakup were 50-50 because "there is no apparent internal balance of political forces, and Deng's death will create a political vacuum for both conservatives and reformers to move in."

an annual Lunar New Year appearance on Monday, and a Deng's health, Agence France-daughter has said his health was Presse reported from Beijing. daughter has said his health was

The study group concluded that a collective leadership would replace Mr. Deng and would not change his policies during a transition phase. But it said, "There was a 50-50 chance that the transition

breakup of China."

"all Chinas would be different WASHINGTON - The from the present and all Chinas

may challenge U.S. interests." The report said that a strongman could emerge if there was a power struggle and that the army would support such a leader if he guaranteed it

against disintegration. It said a hard-line leader might build up Chinese military forces, try to develop a nuclear capability and take an anti-American, anti-Japanese line.

Another possibility was that regions of China would win

greater control after Mr. Deng dies, possibly creating a federal union of Chinese provinces, the report said. It said this would not pose a military threat to the outside world but could bring social chaos to China and, possibly, a new political elite that relied on local organizations to maintain order.

Attention Turns to Jiang President Jiang Zemin domi-

papers Tuesday as a campaign Mr. Deng, 90, failed to make continued to shore up his position amid concern about Mr.

In a break with the past, no photographs or New Year statements by Prime Minister Li Peng or other senior Chinese leaders were published on the front page of the People's Daily or other state-run national newspapers.

Articles about Mr. Jiang's uprising against Soviet domina-speech at a New Year's gatherwould lead to a Soviet-style filled most of the front page nates in the future," it added, of the Communist Party paper. against officials in power at the demonstrators protesting Com- ized earlier in the trial.



DISASTER'S DETRITUS --- Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, center and left, gazing at the wreckage of Kobe on Tuesday, two weeks after the deadly quake.

Hungary Jails Ex-Aides for '56 Role

BUDAPEST - A Hungarian court sentenced two former Communist officials Tuesday to five years in jail for their role in crushing the 1956 Hungarian other defendants were acquit-

time of the uprising the Buda-munist rule on Dec. 8, 1956. pest central court jailed Lajos Forty-six people were killed, inian rights for eight years. Ten wounded.

Orosz, 68, and Ferenc Toldi, 70, cluding two children and a and stripped them of their civil- pregnant woman, and 89 were

Mr. Orosz pleaded not guilty and said he would appeal his The 12 were charged with fir-sentence to Hungary's highest ing into a crowd of unarmed court. Mr. Toldi was hospital-

Mr. Christopher rejected the trusted, saying he did not think Russian behavior in Chechnya

"affects their ability to comply with this treaty." Mr. Christopher urged the committee to move swiftly to approve the treaty because that would help reduce dangerous nuclear stockpiles and would encourage the Russian Parliament to take up the treaty for

ratification. The START-2 treaty, which President George Bush signed in January 1993 with President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, would reduce the number of warheads in the two countries to between 3,000 and 3,500 by the year 2003. That is about half the number permitted under the START-1 treaty and less than a third the number before that

While most of the senators on

represents 2,000 employees, is seeking changes in pension rights that it says have been eroded by rounds of layoffs in recent years. The U.S. State Department warned Americans against travel to

Sudan because of a long-running civil war in the south. (Reuters) the committee praised the (\$6.6 million) to help upgrade security at Manila's airport, consid-START-2 treaty, several said ered one of Asia's problem spots. The money will be used in an the administration should hesi- \$18 million project designed to make the airport meet security tate before agreeing to new standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization treaties that call for further cuts and "eliminate arms and drug trafficking," the Philippines' Dein the national nuclear arsenal. partment of Foreign Affairs said.

Light Green' Mayor Gives Dublin a Splash of Color summer, needling the politicians and liners, accustomed to frowning at elect- that that has produced a slight increase By James F. Clarity bureaucrats who actually control Dub- ed officials riding around town in big in violent crime and a large increase in New York Times Service

DUBLIN - In his seven months as the first lord mayor of Dublin from the Green Party. John Gormley has not turned this vibrant but gray, distinctly Georgian, and somewhat grimy capital into a sparkling Emerald City.

Indeed, this city of almost 500,000 people still has much pollution and world-class traffic jams. Mr. Gormley and other environmentalists also fear that a British nuclear fuel reprocessing plant across the Irish Sea will pollute these shores, including Dublin Bay, stead he is a "light green" — more prag-which is already sullied with sewage bac-matic, less ideological.

But Mr. Gormley, 35, a German teacher who runs a private language school when he is not busy as the unsalaried lord mayor, is trying to improve the city until his one-year term expires in

He was chosen lord mayor not because of any devotion to the environment but in a rotation system in which a about half his official appointments, he

- the kind that protests physically against nuclear installations and the animal-experimentation laboratories. In-

ganically produced wine. But last fall, he married Penny Stuart, a social worker whom he describes, smiling, as "a carnivore and a driver. In recent weeks, he has amused Dub-

different party gets the job each year. In an interview in his official residence, Mansion House, he made it clear, though, that he is not what is known here as a "dark green" environmentalist

matic, less ideological. He eats no meat and drinks only or-

vernment cars, by refusing to accept the official Volvo that goes with his job. He either walks or rides his bicycle to said. And on Jan. 20, he accepted a bright red Volkswagen Golf, paid for by the city, that runs on rapeseed oil.

Mr. Gormley praises Dublin. "The quality of life here is very good," he said. Kids are coming back to live. There is the whole music scene," with rock and jazz clubs as well as traditional music in pubs. "The film industry is booming, as Greens have become more pragmat-There's certainly a buzz about the city. But there are serious problems, too,

he said. Parts of Dublin — like the North Side, where the film "The Commitments" was made -have unemployage of about 16 percent. Officials say hard look at the problems."

Public disgust with some of the city's

problems, the lord mayor said, has resulted in growing political support for the Green Party. It now has 4 of the 52 Dublin Council seats, and one legislator in the 166-member national Parliament. "A poll just showed that people see the Greens as the most honest party,"

Mr. Gormley said, "People are sickened by the shenanigans in the Dail," as the Parliament is called in Gaelic. "But we

On environmental issues, he said, the old political parties are "completely compromised because they are dependent on contributions from vested interment rates far above the national aver- ests and they're not prepared to take a

Germany's Ex-Communists Renounce Their Past

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service BERLIN - The reformed ty, bidding to broaden its ap- German politics.

peal and become a force in national politics, has denounced Stalinism and pledged to accept the established conventions of German politics.

At a weekend convention, delegates overwhelmingly reflected their party chairman, Lothar Bisky, who ran without opposition. Mr. Bisky, a moderate BERLIN — The reformed Stalinism and pledged to accept the established conventions of

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aie, had threatened to quit his post if the party did not ap-prove a break with its Communist past. The most prominent radical

in the party leadership, Sahra Wagenknecht, a 25-year-old philosophy student, failed to win re-election. Miss Wagenknecht had lamented what she called "the abandonment of so- Parliament in last year's federal cialist ideals" since Stalin's death in 1953, and defended the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia as "the suppression of a counterrevolution."

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linism which he and his allies presented was initially rejected by delegates, and accepted only after it was amended to condemn anti-communism as well. Delegates also rejected Andre Brie, who was Mr. Bisky's candidate for general manager of the party.
The reformed Communists,

who now call themselves the Party of Democratic Socialism. surprised many analysts by winning seats in the German

Reactor Faults Cripple 2 Power Plants in Japan

TOKYO - A Japanese nuclear reactor has been closed and another had its output reduced because of faults in two separate incidents, power companies said. There were no leaks of radioactivity, they said.

A 820,000-kilowatt reactor at the Shimane power plant in Shimane Prefecture, western Japan, stopped automatically when the water level rose in a reserve tank of a system that moves fuel rods.

AMERICAN TOPICS

Quake-Damaged Cathedral Faces The Wrecker's Ball in Los Angeles

St. Vibiana's Roman Catholic cathedral. which suffers ominous new cracks with every earthquake, is to be torn down and replaced on the same site in downtown Los Angeles. The 120-year-old Spanish Baroque Revival style building will be replaced by one in Spanish California Mission style.

Some preservationists are urging repairs instead of demolition. Architects warn that this would be prohibitively expensive and might not work. Private foundations underwriting \$35 million of the projected \$45 million cost of the rebuilding have stipulated that they want a new cathedral.

One parishioner, Andrew Gourde, says he sits only in the back of the sanctuary, near the exit, for a quick getaway.

Despite their objections to the planned

demolition, preservationists applaud the church for staying in downtown Los Angeles despite its shrinking congregation - the 1,200 seats are seldom more than half-filled - and its proximity to Skid Row.

"If the church isn't going to battle these things, who is?" said Bob Harris, a professor of architecture at the University of Southern California and a member of the Los Angeles Conservancy's board of directors, "I think we all ought to be proud of the church for staying

Short Takes

The pileated woodpecker, so called for the red tuft on its head, has been hollowing out the wooden poles that support power lines in central Idaho. The woodpecker, which is 18 inches (about 45 centimeters) tall, pecks a hole about half the diameter of the pole and then drills about five feet (about 1.5 meters) down for its nest. This leaves just a wooden shell standing up against wind, ice and snow on the cables. Collapsed poles cost customers of the Salmon River Electric Cooperative \$200,000 last year, or about \$350 each, and the problem is worse this year. Steel coles the problem is worse this year. Steel poles appear inevitable, although they cost 50 percent more than wood.

The families of three legends of the horror film genre — Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney Jr. and Bela Lugosi — have proposed a set of stamps bearing the likenesses of the actors and the sinister characters they portrayed the Frankenstein monster, the Wolfman and Dracula. (Lon Chaney Sr. was honored last year in the "Hollywood Legends" stamp se-

Ads that ran in national newspapers last week for the forthcoming movie "Jefferson in Paris" used images of the Constitution of the United States. The Walt Disney Co., which created the film and ad, has since taken note that Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution. Newsweek magazine notes that Disney was the company that planned to build a Virginia theme park to celebrate American history,

International Herald Tribune.

AIDS Becomes Top Killer in U.S. Of People 25-44 New York Times Service

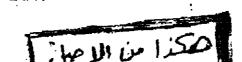
WASHINGTON - AIDS has become the leading cause of death among Americans aged 25 to 44, according to U.S. data made public at a scientific

meeting here on Monday. In 1993, the last year for which figures are available, AIDS surpassed accidents. which dropped to second place in this age group, said Dr. Har-old W. Jaffe, a top AIDS official at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Cancer and heart disease were third and fourth, followed by homicides and sui-

AIDS deaths among Americans 25 to 44 have risen steadily since the disease was first recognized in 1981. More than 250,000 Americans so far have died from AIDS or related causes.

In 1992, AIDS became the leading cause of death among men aged 25 to 44. It remains fourth among women, behind cancer, accidents and heart discase, but is soon expected to rise to second place, Dr. Jaffe

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Applause Grows for Congress — and for Clinton, Too

By Richard Morin

WASHINGTON - In recent weeks Americans have given Congress and President Bill Clinton another look, and a new Washington Post-ABC News poll suggests that the public initially likes what it sees.

More than half of those surveyed now approve of the job Mr. Clinton is doing as president. At the same time, approval for the new Republicancontrolled Congress has doubled in three months, a marked increase in public support.

A majority of the survey respondents said they thought Republicans in Congress were breaking legislative gridlock. At the same time, the respondents said, Mr. Clinton looks more like the "new style" Democrat of his 1992 presidential campaign than the liberal tax-and-spender portrayed in last year's congressional campaigns. But not all the news was good for the president

While congressional approval has surged, half On Monday, Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey,

sampling error is 3 percentage points.

Fewer than half of the respondents said they were confident that Mr. Clinton could "deal with climbed to 54 percent after his State of the Union pation of doing that." address last week, an increase of 9 percentage first time in more than six months that Mr. Clinton's popularity is above 50 percent.

Pushing the president's ratings above 50 per-cent has been a major goal of the White House, which hopes to deter mainstream Democrats the way Mr. Clinton was handling the eco from challenging Mr. Clinton in the primaries, up from 42 percent just three weeks ago.

the country's biggest problems.

A total of 1,029 randomly selected adults were interviewed Jan. 26-29 for this poll. Margin of

Pressed if he might run, Mr. Bradley said: "I think anybody could step up to the plate if the the big issues facing this country." Still, the poll circumstances were right. One doesn't know found that Mr. Clinton's job approval rating what is going to happen. I don't have any anticicircumstances were right. One doesn't know

While Mr. Bradley echoed many commentapoints in barely three weeks. That represents the tors in panning Mr. Clinton's State of the Union address, the survey suggested that Mr. Clinton achieved one of his major goals, to highlight his stewardship of the economy. In the poll, 52 percent of those surveyed said they approved of the way Mr. Clinton was handling the economy,

The president has also managed to refurbish

of those surveyed still said they disapproved of the job Congress is doing. The survey also found that the public may already be losing some confidence in Republican approaches to solving the country's biggest problems.

in a radio interview that stunned some Demotate in a radio interview that stunned some Demotate in the survey, 54 percent said he was a "new style" Democrat. In the class survey, 54 percent said he was a "new style" Democrat, while 40 percent said he was an "old-style, tax-and-spend Democrat." Three the country's biggest problems. weeks ago, only 45 percent said Mr. Clinton was a "new style" Democrat.

Congress under the control of Republicans has undergone an even greater transformation. The survey found that the proportion of respondents who said they approved of the job that Congress is doing soared from 21 percent in October to 42 percent in the latest survey, the highest level of approval since the Gulf crisis more than three vears ago.

But other results suggested that Americans may be cooling to the Republicans' agenda. By 46 percent to 40 percent, congressional Republicans were trusted more than Mr. Clinton to deal with the nation's problems. That represented a decline from three weeks ago, when the Republicans had a 54 percent advantage over the presi-

Away From Politics

 A federal judge has upheld the jury verdicts in the trial last year over the Exxon Valdez oil spill, rejecting Exxon's request that he reduce the \$5 billion fine. The company said it would appeal the fine and other judgments.

· A man who served eight years in prison for a 1986 rape is being released because DNA tests have shown he could not have committed the crime, the Westchester County, New York, district attorney said. He was convicted after the victim identified him in photographs and two police

• Two black churches and a black-owned bar were firebombed and a crude cross was burned in front of one of the churches, Tennessee officials said. "To my knowledge, we haven't had a history of hate crimes," said the Maury County sheriff, Enoch George. "I think it's pretty lowdown - anyone who would try to burn a house of the Lord."

• A Los Angeles judge wants five jurors subpoenaed to determine if they broke a state law by discussing possible sentences before reaching a verdict to convict the socalled Hollywood Madam, Heidi Fleiss, of

 Eli Lilly has disciplined two employees for promoting the drug company's anti-depressant Prozac at a seminar on depression for high school students. They distributed pens and brochures, an Indiana newspaper said. It did not say what their punishment

 Texas has executed a pair of convicted killers by lethal injection an hour apart, the state's first double execution in one day since 1950. • The New York City schools chancellor

plans to press for year-round schooling, with some schools staying open this summer, to ease overcrowding.

A House Divided on Abortion Funding

WASHINGTON - Anti-abortion Republicans in Congress are teaming up with unlikely allies — Democratic colleagues and abortion-rights advocates — to fight central provisions of the House Republican welfare reform initiative that they believe would increase the number of abortions.

The dissension within Republican ranks indicates that House Republican leaders will have a thorny obstacle to overcome as they attempt to deny cash welfare payments to teenagers who have babies and restrict additional benefits to welfare recipients who have babies while on the dole.

One first-term Republican, Jim Bunn of Oregon, said in an interview, "As a pro-life member of Congress I thought it was quite inconsistent to tell someone with crisis pregnancy to have her babies but refuse to help her. As I see the welfare reform moving through the subcommittee, it does not meet the needs of girls with crisis pregnancies."

A group of Democratic and Republican abortion oppo-

nents in Congress was meeting Tuesday to devise its strategy for striking the provisions from the bill.

Some Republicans who oppose abortion but who favor denying benefits to teen mothers and children born to mothers already on welfare conceded that the provisions were likely to increase the number of abortions. But they argued that the social good is worth the cost.

Congress Not Likely to Spare Medicare

WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders aid the deficit-wary Congress would look for ways to cut Medicare spending as a way to slow the government's health-

The separate pronouncements by the House speaker. Newt Gingrich, a Georgia Republican, and the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, a Kansas Republican, confirmed what health-care experts and budget analysts long have said: The \$175 billion-a-year Medicare program cannot be exempt if Washington hopes to approach a balanced budget while also providing for a middle-class tax cut.

The comments put the two leaders potentially at odds with powerful groups such as the American Association of Retired Persons, which have largely fended off past attempts to use cuts in Medicare to pay for other spending initiatives. (LAT)

Clinton Friend Comes Under Scrutiny

WASHINGTON — The independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr has subpoensed the personal financial records of a longtime political aide to President Clinton who was in charge of distributing tens of thousands of dollars to influential ministers and political figures in Arkansas' black commu-nity during Mr. Clinton's 1990 re-election campaign for

An attorney for Caroll Willis, 45, now a senior adviser at the Democratic National Committee, said Mr. Willis had turned over his bank records to Mr. Starr, but the lawyer, Jerome Green, declined to comment on whether Mr. Willis had been notified that he was a target or subject of the investigation.

Quote/Unquote

Newt Gingrich, at a meeting in Washington, outlining his health policy goals, said the United States should have "50 to 100 centers of excellence so good everyone in the planet wants to come to them." He said that every doctor and individual should be able to access computer information from a "world data bank" about research, the best treatments and options - all of which, he said, would speed research and "cause a consumer revolution" and "empower citizens and their families" to learn about health, wellness and medical costs.

Traffickers Blaze New Path to U.S. **Canada Connection for Drugs**

By Clyde H. Farnsworth

New York Times Service VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The vast and sparsely populated coast of British Columbia is increasingly being used as a transshipment point for drugs, mostly from Asia, that are smuggled overland into the United States.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police attribute this to stepped-up coastal enforcement by the United States and to comparatively lenient Canadian penalties for drug offenses.

Until about a half-dozen years ago, illegal drugs used in British Columbia were brought in from the United States, but now "there's been pretty well a 180-degree turn," said Staff Sergeant Pat Convey, chief of the Mounties Victoria drug squad. "We're seeing a lot of narcotics in this part of the world destined for the States."

Of the drugs that are passing through western Canada, the heroin that is coming primarily from the so-called Golden Triangle region of Southeast Asia is causing the most serious problems. It has led to a sharp increase in fatal overdoses in British Columbia because an estimated 5 percent to 10 percent remains in the local market. The other drugs include hashish from South Asia and cocaine and marijuana from South

shipping containers that arrive bers, are said to be the main at the ports of Victoria and street traffickers. Vancouver, or are transferred from larger vessels on the open sea to fishing boats or other small craft, then are dropped drugs remain in this region, the rest are transported to ware-houses in the interior, where off at isolated beaches.

ports in the world, receives across rural border points into with the world organization. more than 100,000 containers a such states as Idaho, Montana, week from dozens of ships ar- and North Dakota and then to riving from Pacific Basin ports. the major drug consumption

more than 156 pounds (70 kilograms) of pure heroin was found in a container of rice vermicelli from China. Staff Sergeant Jack Dop, chief of an enforcement unit of the Mounties' Vancouver drug section, said supplies were increasingly com-

ing from China. While the force does not break down figures by region, seizures of heroin have increased threefold from more than 96 pounds in 1989 to 339 pounds in 1993 nationally, according to a compilation_at headquarters in Ottawa. Figures for last year are not yet available.

As more drugs pass through British Columbia, more are being used locally, and this is reflected in falling street prices for heroin, rising purity, and a nearly tenfold surge in the number of drug overdose deaths. mainly from heroin, in the province over the last half-dozen years. As a result, the province's chief coroner has called for decriminalizing the simple possession of drugs but wants importers of illegal drugs to be treated as murderers.

Five years ago, Sergeant Convey said, heroin sold on the street was 4 percent to 10 per-cent pure, but "now we're seeing it anywhere from 70 to 100

The drugs are hidden inside da's west coast in large num-

Vancouver, one of the busiest overland trek south, usually



SECURITY WATCH -- Policemen observing a spectator enter U.S. District Court in New York for the trial of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman. He and 11 others are accused of planning the World Trade Center bombing.

Southeast Asians, who in resolutive are have moved to CanaBoth UN and White House Have Something to Prove in Haiti

By Julia Preston

While a small fraction of the drugs remain in this region, the rest are transported to warehouses in the interior, where the Haitian peacekeeping mission from U.S. shipments are prepared for the overland trek south, usually test of the Clinton administration's partnership The administration, faced with rising hostility

from a Republican-controlled Congress, hopes to show that UN troops can keep the peace won by U.S. military intervention last fall and at the

same time reduce U.S. spending on the effort.

The council adopted a resolution declaring that the U.S.-led intervention force had achieved "secure and stable environment" in Haiti and

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It is also a chance for the United Nations to American command the force, but Major Generrepair an image stained by its spectacular and al Joseph W. Kinzer will be subject, technically expensive failure in Somalia by demonstrating at least, to the authority of the UN secretarythat it can guide Haiti toward stable democracy. general, Butros Butros Ghali, not the Pentagon. Rules of armed engagement for the UN troops

will permit them to open fire only in self-defense. Mr. Butros Ghali, in an assessment he sent the setting the turnover date for March 31.

About 2,400 U.S. troops, many already in Haiti, will stay on as part of the UN contingent, which will total 6,000 troops and 900 police with crime rampant and anti-government para-

officers. The United States insisted that an military gangs in hiding, disorganized but not destroyed. Administration officials argue that the chal-

lenge in Haiti is not comparable to that of Somalia. "You don't have warlords; it's a different political climate," said the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright.

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide enjoys wide popular support, U.S. officials say, and has kept his pledge to refrain from reprisals against politi-

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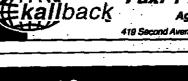
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Mr. Clinton's action and confirming that

the president had the legal authority to

Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate majority

range of belt-tightening measures to

shore up its economy, central bank and

federal budget. Mexico has agreed to

make available an expected \$7 billion in

future revenues from crude oil sales by

the state-owned Pemex oil company as collateral for the U.S. loans. Mr. Clinton asserted that U.S. nation-

al interests were at stake, including jobs

and exports, a secure border under threat

from illegal immigrants and drug-run-

them Americans, bought Mexican gov-

ernment bonds, whose value have fallen

sharply as the peso lost 45 percent of its

value against the dollar. The Treasury

estimates that U.S. residents hold \$18

billion worth of Mexican bonds and di-

rect investments in Mexico with a market

antees withered in January under a bar-

U.S. public support for the loan guar-

value of around \$50 billion.

Many investors, the vast majority of

ners, and a sound global economy.

"He won't be out there by himself."

The IMF will require Mexico to take a

This adds \$10 billion to the original IMF

rather than made directly from it.

MEXICO: Clinton Gives Up on Congress and Crafts Own Strategy

act on his own.

leader, said.

billion in December. None of the money has been drawn upon, but probably will be in the next few days to prop up

Mexico's depleted reserves.

currency.

ments.

mation of a regional development bank.

about eliminating its nuclear weapons.

credit negotiated Thursday, which com-

mits Mexico to an austerity package policed by the Fund — and not the U.S.

government, as would have been the case

with the original U.S. guarantee package. The credit can be disbursed immediately, or over 18 months as Mexico shifts its

economy to lesser reliance on foreign

capital. It has to be paid back in three to

• \$10 billion from the central banks of the industrial nations through the Bank

for International Settlements. The sum is

the largest ever floated by the central

bankers' clearinghouse in Basel. The credit line, doubled from \$5 billion in the

original package, will be composed of

traditional, short-term central currency

exchanges between the Banco de México

and U.S., German, Japanese and other

major central banks. Known as swaps

and usually lasting for only a few months, they are designed to bolster Mexico's foreign currency reserves

In addition to the Clinton package, the

Mexican government also announced it

had a total of \$50.76 billion available,

which includes \$3 billion from commer-

cial banks. Banco de Santander of Spain

announced Tuesday that it would kick in

\$500 million to add to money pledged by

lout" of Mexico would risk U.S.

taxpayers' dollars while helping Wall Street investors who lost money in Mexi-

co and rewarding the Mexican govern-

U.S. jobs could be lost if the peso crisis

was not halted failed to take hold, and

initial support from Republican leaders

The collapse of Mr. Clinton's legisla-

tive strategy and the accompanying re-

treat by congressional leaders created a crisis atmosphere in Washington. Republican critics of the president, includ-

ing several who aspire to the White

House, blamed Mr. Clinton for the con-

"Bill Clinton did not get the job

done," Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, a

potential Republican presidential candi-

date, said after the president's initial

mist at the private Institute for Interna-

tional Economics in Washington, la-

mented the president's move, saying it

would add uncertainty to the U.S.-Mexi-

can relationship in the long run and cast

doubt on "the ability of the United

States to act on its own."

Jeffrey Schott, an international econo-

Mr. Clinton's assertion that 700.000

Citicorp and J.P. Morgan.

ment for fiscal ineptitude.

in Congress disappeared.

fusion and delay.

plan collapsed.

against withdrawals.

five years.

will forever be its capital.



By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service JERUSALEM - In most places, a one-day surge of 7.7 percent in stock prices would send a government's heart soaring and put its spin doctors to work expounding on the policymakers' wisdom.

But such is the enfeebled political state of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that when share prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange shot up like a Roman candle Tuesday, it was widely seen not as an expression of support for his government but as a rebuff, the latest of many.

Shares rose sharply out of investor giddiness over a government announcement the day before that it was reversing itself and dropping a new capitalgains tax that had gone into effect on Jan. 1, but never really

got off the ground.

The main Mishtanim index of 100 major companies soared by 7.7 percent, to close at 174.7

Despite this gain, the Israeli market is still in a swoon, with the Mishtanim down by 31 percent from a year ago.
The issue for many Israelis

was not so much the tax itself, for people are divided over whether it was an onerous or fair-minded innovation. Rather, as senior officials acknowledged, the government looked weak. Most questions Tuesday dealt not with economic policy but with Mr. Rabin's credibility and constancy. These are questions he has also faced in regard to national survival matters such as Israel's sputtering peace talks with the Palestinians.

· Israel Bars Jews From Mosque

HEBRON, West Bank -Fearing bloodshed during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the Israeli Army barred Jews on Tuesday from a mosque in the occupied West Bank that was the site of a massacre of Palestinians in 1994, the army said.

The army also imposed severe security checks on Muslim worshipers, many of whom said they were still afraid to pray in the Tomb of the Patriarchs, where a Jewish settler killed 30 Arabs at prayer during Rama-

Israeli security authorities, dismayed at Islamic suicide bombings that have killed scores of Israelis since the mosque incident, said they expected militant groups to stage further high-profile attacks dur-ing Ramadan. The problem for many here is figuring out where exactly he stands. "Zigzag" is a word used with growing frequency by headline writers and opposition leaders alike to describe government decisions, and the ill-fated 10 percent tax on stock-market transactions came to symbolize

Last June, the prime minister said that he would never accept such a tax. Two months later, his Labor-led government passed it. As 1994 drew to a close, Mr. Rabin disclosed that he had second thoughts. Then he said that, on reflection, the tax would stay after all.

that the politically troubled tax was indeed dead and would be weekend

"The big loser in reality is Yitzhak Rabin," Nehemiah Strassler, a columnist for the newspaper Ha'areiz, wrote

"The public sees a prime minister who tends to go with the wind," he said, "whose deci-sion isn't a decision, whose backing isn't backing, who one time is for and another time against, who cannot withstand pressures. Then the question arises that maybe this is how the prime minister deals with other, more crucial issues, like the peace process.

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lets and on cassette tapes. The dispute

rapidly began drawing in clerics in Egypt,

"Applying this to Jews is incorrect, be-

cause these usurping Jews have never

headed toward peace," an influential Egyptian theologian, Sheikh Youssef Kardawi, said of the Saudi edict in a com-

mentary last week in the Egyptian opposi-

tion newspaper Al Shaab. "How can we

consider that they have done so, if they

took land and spilled blood and pushed people out of their homes unjustly?"

He cited the Palestinians and other Ar-

The criticism prompted Sheikh Baaz last

veekend to issue a further explanation of

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK - The loan package

announced Tuesday by President Bill

Clinton is designed to tide Mexico over

for the next two to three years so that it

can shift away from financing its eco-

nomic growth through heavy depen-

dence on short-term foreign investment

in high-yielding government securities and the Mexican Bolsa.

back to Wall Street -at the first whiff of

trouble, running down Mexico's reserves

to \$6 billion from \$26 billion in one year.

That left Mexico with no option but to

devalue the peso to bolster exports, limit

imports, and reverse a trade deficit of

empty, Mexico still faced demands by

foreigners to repatriate the \$17 billion in

pesos they had sunk into dollar-guaran-

teed Mexican Treasury certificates,

called tesobonos, that come due this year.

The original \$40 billion in loan guaran-

tees was designed to reassure foreigners

that Mexico could pay its debts so that

they would buy new certificates when the

old ones came due. But many U.S. funds

The new package is designed to pro-

vide similar reassurance. It totals \$47.5

billion worth of different credit lines:

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sert themselves." The IMF had previous-

ly announced a \$7.8 billion line of credit,

central banks around the world had com-

mitted \$5 billion in support, Canada had promised \$1 billion to help bolster the

peso and four South American nations had announced \$1 billion in support.

banks, acting through the Bank for Inter-

national Settlements, will double their \$5

billion package of short-term authority to \$10 billion; and the IMF will expand

its intermediate and long-term emergency authority for Mexico to \$17.5 billion.

available to Mexico \$20 billion in inter-

mediate and long-term borrowing au-thority from the Exchange Stabilization

Fund. That fund is normally used for

short-term loans and purchases in inter-

national currency markets to support the

Secretary of State Warren M. Christo-

The White House and Treasury De-

partment said the president had the legal

authority to tap the fund and to fashion a

long-term line of credit to Mexico. Later

pher said the fund had \$25 billion avail-

The central U.S. effort will be to make

According to U.S. officials, central

still want to take out their money.

With its cupboard of reserves virtually

\$27 billion in 1994.

This fickle capital fled — most of it

abs who have lost homes in Jaffa and

Haifa, Israel, as well as in "Jerusalem it-

Jordan and North Africa.

Israeli officials acknowledge what opinion polls already confirm — that the government, which lacks an assured parliamentary majority, is in the worst political shape it has been since it supplanted the rightist

Lately, polls show Mr. Rabin losing by resounding margins to the Likud leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, who says that if he becomes prime minister in national elections next year he will not necessarily honor the present government's agreements with the Palestine Liberation

Many Israelis are ready to call it quits and suspend the agreement the government reached with the PLO in Oslo in

part swings voters from Labor to Likud, a senior official said. And now Mr. Shohat faces a new problem: how to plug a \$165 million hole in his 1995 budget that the stock tax was supposed to fill. Tuesday, he promised spending cuts and no new taxes.

WARRIOR: Taking On Russians

ery day, battles that rage fiercely, stop completely and then There is no clear chain of

just find each other," he said. soldiers have already died there He added that they were de- and in Grozny that they seem lighted that Russian forces de-content to barrage Argun, the cided to fight them in Grozny city just east of Grozny, with instead of in the towns sur- mortar shells from artillery and rounding it, so that they can be with fire from helicopter gun-

"Sometimes we fight at He conceded that the rebels night," he said, "sometimes in were outnumbered, and that the day. We change our sched- many had died. But he pointed ule to keep them off balance, out that Russian forces were When they relax we get started. sloppy, rarely stopping anyone

BORDER:

Recreating a War

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even more important as a point stroyed urban setting of Grozof national honor.

there," said a 17-year-old youth named Monje, who was born in the area where the fighting is of factly, "Snipers are nothing now taking place. "They have But air power cuts off our oxyrealized it and that is why they want it. But we are not going to give it up."

Tumbes, the regional capital, they are forced to bomb bazaars soldiers were collecting gasoline, and residents who own large cars and trucks were fear-civilians, but left most of the ful they would be asked to turn soldiers alive, hiding in cellars. them over. On Sunday night, patiently waiting to strike when army officers patrolled the area near the cathedral, looking for

"Ecuador has always been the aggressor," said Faustino León, 24, who was sitting in a park in Tumbes with other students from the university. "A war is not good for either side. But if we have to, we will support the army. We will go to the front.

■ U.S. Travel Advisory

The State Department is advising Americans to postpone downstream. The river crosses indefinitely any travel to Ecua- the city north and south. dor's Zamora Chinchipe, Loja and El Oro provinces and to the northern reaches of Peru. The Associated Press reported from Washington.

U.S. citizens already in the area should keep up with developments and curb their travel until there is stability, the department said.

Even Israel's Market Surge Is a Rebuff for Prime Minister

But by last weekend he was rethinking it again, calling it a mistake and fighting publicly with its champion, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. Finally, waiting until after the stock market had closed, Mr. Shohat announced Monday buried by the full cabinet next

Likud party in July 1992.

Organization.

"Even one mistake on our

"We were very happy they of war. Mr. Maltsegov de- came into the city," he continscribed a war that changes ev- ued, "because we cannot fight them in an open field." He said the Chechens had

purposely been encouraging the Russians to try and take the city command among the rebels. of Argun by storm for the same reason — but so many Russian

When they hit us with artillery to check their documents prop-we go around to the other side." tering the city. He said he never had trouble slipping in or out of

It is hard to believe that the force he described could possibly beat the world's second-

largest army.
But as long as the fight remains centered in the large, gold and uranium has made it rambling and increasingly deny, the rebels have an advan-

"All the world's minerals are tage: They know where to hide. "Our main enemy are snipers gen. The planes send in cluster bombs, and other bombs in a checkerboard pattern. But they In the Peruvian town of can never find our positions. So and cars and highways."

the moment is right.

■ Russians Pierce Defenses

A Russian military official said Tuesday that four Russian battalions had broken through Chechen rebel lines to cross the river Sunzha in the north of Grozny, Agence France-Presse reported from Mozdok, Russia.

Moscow's troops now control two-thirds of the city, but the southeast remains in rebel hands. Fighting was continuing in several sites upstream and

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scends on us much more quick-

Tuesday, congressional leaders from rage of criticism suggesting that a "bai-

dicted that the scope of this program was launched to week's flood would lead Parlia- strengthen dikes along the ment to approve a proposed North Sea. No comparable \$700 million for reinforcement work, however, was done on dikes along the Rhine, Meuse

has really shocked everyone in this country."

An unusual climatic pattern has allowed a stream of warm.

last year. Melting snow has compounded the threat.

ers have been forced to send haps, troops. livestock to market, depressing

Wife-Abuse Account At Simpson's Trial

Policeman Tells of the Victim's Crying: 'He's Going to Kill Me!'

LOS ANGELES - A bysterical, bruised Nicole Brown Simpson told a policeman that O.J. Simpson slapped and kicked her in 1989, the officer testified Tuesday.
The officer, Detective John

Edwards, testified that Mrs. Simpson told him, "He's going to kill me!'

"I said, 'Who's going to kill u?' " he added. "She said,

"I was a little surprised," Mr. Edwards testified. "I said: 'O.J. who? You mean the football player?' She said, 'Yes, O.J. mpson, the football player."

Mr. Simpson pleaded no-contest to spousal battery in the Jan. 1, 1989, incident.

Mr. Edwards, the second wit-ness to testify as the prosection began its case, spoke after the prosecutor, Marcia Clark, told Traders at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange working furiously Tuesday as stock prices rose after a new tax was dropped. jurors that a defense witness who has claimed that she saw four men speeding away from the area where the killings of Mrs. Simpson and her friend Ronald L. Goldman took place his fatwa, in which he seemed to back seemed to be racing to sign peace agreeis "a known liar and a Simpson At an economic conference in Casablancase groupie."

ca, Morocco, in October, for instance, In a rebuttal to the defense Arab governments, particularly those of the Gulf, held back from calling for joint opening statement, Ms. Clark also said the defense witness, business ventures with Israel and the for-Mary Anne Gerchas, told a friend she was not even in the In another meeting this month in Moneighborhood the night of the rocco, Muslim nations declared that all of

Jerusalem had to be placed under Palestinian jurisdiction. That position directly Bringing their first witnesses to the stand in the trial, proseclashes with Israel's stance that Jerusalem cutors called a police dispatcher in addition to Mr. Edwards to In Egypt, a normalization process that help establish a motive for the had been largely frozen is now further June 12 slayings. A defense lawjeopardized by a dispute with Israel over yer said on Monday that Mr. Egypt's refusal to sign a nuclear nonprolif-Simpson was home alone, hitcration treaty unless Israel agrees to talk ting golf balls into a sandbox at the time of the killings.

Much of Mr. Edwards's ac-count had already been known because his report on the beating was made public. He testi-fied Tuesday that he went to the Simpson house that morning and found Mrs. Simpson hysterical and with the imprint of a hand on her throat, a cut lip and bruises on her face.

defense lawyer, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., asked Mr. Edwards whether he could smell alcohol on Mrs. Simpson's breath. Mr. Edwards said he

could not remember. Also testifying was Sharyn Gilbert, the operator who took the 911 call that morning. She told jurors that she heard a woman screaming and the sounds of "someone being hit."

Prosecutors played a tape of the 911 call to the jury, in which a woman can be heard screaming. There are also noises in the background that sound either like slaps or the crackle of the police radio.

In her rebuttal to the defense's opening statements, Ms. Clark called Ms. Gerchas "one of those people who comes out of the woodwork" in high-profile cases.

She also told jurors they would see Mr. Simpson in an exercise video made shortly before the slayings showing him in good condition. The defense had argued that he had arthritis that would have made it impossible for him to kill two people.

In a ruling on Monday, Judge Lance A. Ito of Superior Court took the step, described by legal experts as unprecedented in California criminal cases, of allowing the prosecution 10 more minutes to make further opening statements. The measure was intended to punish defense lawyers for what Judge Ito saw as violations of legal procedures by not identifying defense wit-

■ Chief Takes Umbrage

The Los Angeles police chief defended his force Tuesday against defense accusations that it botched the investigation and framed Mr. Simpson, Reuters reported from Los Angeles.

"It's outrageous that this directed and focused plan to malign the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department has been carried out by members of the defense team," Chief Willie Williams said.

Gerald Durrell, Writer And Zoologist, Is Dead

ZOOLOGISI GETAIO Durrell, 70, whose best-sellers modern classic. were full of witty depictions of the animal kingdom, died Monday on the Channel island of Jersey following complications

from a liver transplant.

The author of "My Family and Other Animals" and "The Overloaded Ark" may be best remembered for pioneering animal conservation.

He devoted his final years to his zoo in Jersey, which he set up in 1959 as a sanctuary for animals threatened with extinction. The zoo attracts more than 200,000 visitors a year.

Mr. Durrell, who called himself "a kind of hairy Florence Nightingale," maintained that he preferred the company of animals to that of humans, saying animals "did not think they were God." Sir David Attenborough, the

naturalist, said Mr. Durrell had "changed the face of zoos and what zoos should be doing. "He was, I think, among the

first to demonstrate that zoos needn't be about polar bears, elephants and lions, but they could be about ants and small reptiles," he told the BBC. Prolific writer that he was,

Mr. Durrell never received the tack in New Delhi.

Reasers critical acclaim accorded to his LONDON — The British brother Lawrence, whose "Al-

George Woodcock, 82, Canadian Poet and Essayist

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — George Wood-cock, 82, one of Canada's most celebrated writers, died Saturday of heart problems.

Mr. Woodcock wrote and edited almost 150 books. His 'Anarchism" is considered the definitive book on the subject, while "The Crystal Spirit," a biography of his friend George Orwell, won a Governor Gener-

al's Award. A poet, critic and essayist as well as a teacher, he was the founding editor of Canadian Literature, the first journal of its kind to look solely at Canada's literary world. He founded the anarchist literary journal

Now in 1940. Jeffrey P. Beck, 48, a flamboyant merger-and-acquisition specialist on Wall Street who rose to prominence in the 1980s, died Saturday of a heart attack in New York City.

Suresh Shankar Nadkarni, 61, the chief regulator of India's swiftly emerging stock markets, died Tuesday after a heart at-

BOSNIA: Paris Urges New Talks

the longer-term goal of becom-

ing part of a Greater Serbia. Meanwhile, the Bosnian government has been lobbying the Republican-controlled U.S. Congress to allow weapons to flow to its mostly Muslim forces unless local Serbs accept a plan that would roughly divide territory between them and a federation of Bosnian Croats and Muslims. The Serbs now control about 70 percent of the

If Croatia orders the UN troops to leave in a bid to regain sovereignty over Krajina and hostilities begin to escalate in central Bosnia after the winter FLOODS: In 'a Gigantic Exodus,' 100,000 Flee Their Homes in Netherlands lull, Western diplomats say, a combustible chain reaction could take place.

In the event of an attack by Croatia's forces in the Krajina A ban on commercial ship-region, Serbia's president, Sloping and barge traffic has bodan Milosevic, would almost stranded millions of tons of oil certainly be compelled to interand other commodities such as vene on behalf of his kinsmen grains and animal feeds. Farm- by supplying weapons and, per-

With Serbia preoccupied by the fate of its Croatian brethren, diplomats are worried that the Sarajevo government could be tempted to embark on a new offensive to retrieve lost ground now held by Bosnian Serbs.

In the south, ethnic tensions are rising and could eventually erupt into open warfare, especially in the province of Ko-sovo, where a 90 percent Albanian majority is chafing under what they call Serbian oppression. Neighboring Albania could be drawn into the conflict in an attempt to protect its Muslim brothers there. At the same time, the land-

locked southern state of Macedonia has come perilously close to collapse because of a crippling blockade imposed by Greece. Western diplomats worry that the situation could lead to a conflict between Greece and Turkey.

■ Serbs Renege on Pledge Bosnian Serbian forces besieging Sarajevo on Tuesday refused to reopen roads to civilian traffic across the city's airport. dealing a further blow to the

truce, Reuters reported. The Serbs had earlier told UN commanders they would reopen the roads.

Meanwhile, fighting in the northwestern Bosnian enclave of Bihac between troops of the Muslim-led government and Muslim rebels allied to Serbs subsided after heavy artillery and mortar barrages lasting into Tuesday morning.

Continued from Page 1 densely-populated country seemed to have lost some of its drainage capacity.

"This is not just a Dutch problem, it's a European problem." Mrs. de Boer said in a radio interview, "The absorbent affect of the land has been lost in many areas, so water de-

A spokesman for the federal agency that oversees the coun-

try's dikes, Koos Groen, pre- After the 1955 flood, a crash

"We are hoping that some- and Waal Rivers, which are thing will finally change," Mr. now overflowing. Groen said. "The evacuation this country."

On the Amsterdam Stock Ex- wet air from the Atlantic to change Tuesday, stocks of com- sweep across northern Europe. panies involved in dike building where groundwater levels are

high because of heavy rain late

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Process the Cuban Refugees

Six months after the exodus ended, 30,000 Cubans who set out for the United States in boats or rafts are still being held in detention camps in Panama and at the U.S. naval base at Guantánamo. With incidents of rioting and attempted suicide rising and the cost to U.S. taxpayers mounting, Washington and Havana should move quickly to lift these dispirited Cubans from limbo. Those who are eligi-ble should be resettled in America; those who are not should be returned home.

Under new guidelines worked out in talks between Cuba and the United States, the only sure route now from Cuba to the United States is to apply for a visa inside Cuba. The administration has already made exceptions for about 3,000 of the refugees at Guantánamo and in Panama on humanitarian grounds. With the remaining Cubans in Panama soon to be moved to Guantanamo. Washington must decide how to deal with those who are still in detention.

To accept them all would undermine the new policy and encourage more Cubans to circumvent the agreement. But it should be possible to process the refugees at Guantanamo along with those who apply from elsewhere in Cuba, making clear they will not jump to the front of the line and will get no advantage from having fled Cuba last summer.

The first step in the process is to determine whether the applicants can demon-strate a well-founded fear of persecution at home — which would legally qualify them for refugee status in the United States. They should have access to legal States. They should have access to legal counsel to help them present their case. If they do not qualify as refugees, they should be allowed to apply for an immigrant visa, as other Cubans now can. Those who do not qualify on either basis would then be sent back to Cuba. Life in Cuba is not easy, but it is better than confinement at Guantanamo.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Politics and an Amendment

The House vote for a balanced-budget amendment demonstrates the political potency of a bad idea whose time has come. That explains the overwhelming House vote for the amendment. Attention now shifts to the Senate, and the state legislatures as outposts of common sense. The amendment fails as a matter of politics. It fails as social justice. It fails as economics. Yet 300 House members, including 72 Democrats, signed up anyway.

The amendment would be inequitable because budget cutbacks would single out the disadvantaged. The Republicancontrolled Congress vows not to touch Social Security, defense or Medicare. That means it must cut an astonishing 30 percent to 50 percent of domestic discretionary programs. The first to go will be those housing and social-service programs whose only support is among the politically vulnerable.

Perhaps Congress could justify such a sacrifice of social justice and political principle if the country's economic future were at risk. Indeed, some of the more hardfisted House supporters of a balanced-budget amendment relish its punishing side effects. But proponents overlook the raise taxes and cut spending as the economy slows, inflicting further wounds.

compared with the size of the economy, and falling. Fiscal prudence requires only that Congress keep the federal debt growing less quickly than the economy. By that standard, deficits in the \$200

billion range — the current level — pose no financial problem. Deficits are expected to balloon toward the end of the decade, primarily because health expenditures under Medicare and Medicaid will soar. But with wit and will, Congress has all the tools it needs to bring future deficits under control. Cut defense, which is a fortunate possibility at a time when the U.S. faces no serious military threat. Cut corporate subsidies that pump tens of billions each year into undeserving businesses. Reform health care.

Opponents of the amendment need not despair — yet. The battle is far from lost. The upcoming vote in the Senate will be close. If the vote is based on common sense, the amendment will lose. The danger is that some senators will be tempted to make the easy political vote in the faith that state legislators will be smarter than their federal counterparts.

Right now, it appears that the amendment could not pass the 38 state legislatures it needs. Many governors, especially in states with large pockets of poverty, are taking note of the transfer of budget burdens that the amendment threatens. If Congress cuts out housing, food and edudownstream danger. In hard times, the cation assistance, the states are left the amendment would require government to choice of forsaking their needy or facing emergency tax hikes.

ry slows, inflicting further wounds.

That, of course, is the real lesson of amendment politics. Easy, simplistic votes of current deficits, which are modest in Washington lead to hard decisions and higher taxes at the state and local levels. Passing this misguided amendment may fulfill the "Contract With America," but none dare call it leadership.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Turn Up the Heat on Burma

Aung San Suu Kyi's struggle for a free Burma continues. The Burmese opposition leader, still in the dark about her freedom since the term of her house arrest officially expired two weeks ago, issued a rare public statement, through her husband, seeking to kill all rumors about any "secret deals" being made with her captors - the military junta calling itself the State Law and Order Council, or SLORC. SLORC, which has confined the Nobel Peace laureate without any official charge or a trial, devised, amended and interpreted retroactively a security law which permits her to be held under house arrest for up to five years. Last July, the military junta made another change and also applied it retroactively to prolong her confinement for one more year. Last week, hopes for the imminent release of Aung San Suu Kyi faded as SLORC said the leader of the National League for Democracy would be freed only when a constitution now

being written is complete.

The official line of the Association of South East Asian Nations [is] that things are getting better in Burma. ASEAN, Japan, certain European governments and Australia [have been] cozying up to the Rangoon military junta. But the harsh fact remains: SLORC suppressed democratic voices through the murder of more than 3,000 people in 1988, and it continues to refuse to cede power to the pro-democracy parties led by Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD, which won an over-whelming majority of the contested seats in the national elections held in 1990. In its latest report on Burma, the London-based Amnesty International painted a gloomy picture. Despite the officially reported release of more than 2,000 political prisoners since April 1992, Amnesty said political detention in Burma

continues to be a major tool of repression. Hundreds of political prisoners ar-

rested since the pro-democracy move-

ment began in 1988 remain in detention. including more than 50 prisoners of conscience. Also, 28 members of the 1990 Parliament-elect, most of whom were arrested in late 1990, are still in detention. Under the pretext that "we in ASEAN

do not interfere in the internal affairs of a neighboring state," many ASEAN gov-ernments. Thailand included, are more than willing to bend over backward to whitewash the atrocities committed by SLORC against the Burmese people.

Diplomatic engagement can only bring progress when the governments doing the engaging drive tough bargains and insist that their terms be met. ASEAN's constructive engagement has been to the contrary - and has been used as a quick way to rake in profits at

the expense of the Burmese people.

To erase the disturbing question mark over the regional grouping's moral con-science, ASEAN must call for the unconditional release of Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners. The diplomatic dissimulation that internalizes human rights abuses has to stop. Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma can be free if ASEAN turns the screws on SLORC.

- The Nation (Bangkok).

Mexico's Tricky Road to Reform In moving toward real democracy. President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico hi set about the unfinished business of his predecessor, Carlos Salinas. He has been right to do so. But his position is not strong. The "dinosaurs" of the Institu-tional Revolutionary Party disliked Mr. Salinas's economic reforms; enter a new president who not only plans to continue them but promises political reform as well. The financial crisis has weakened the PRI's hold on labor. And now the party's regional power structure is creaking. The president must rely on rival parties to help him control his own. In Mexico, that is a

new trick. It will not be easy. - The Economist (London).



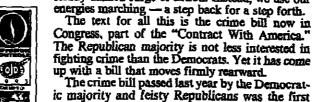
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NEW YORK — The deaths of 19 Israe-lis in a suicide bombing by Islamic extremists on Jan. 22 convinced many Israclis — including President Ezer Weizman, a longtime dove — that Palestinian self-rule is unworkable. But aborting the peace process and continuing Israeli mili-tary control of the occupied territories will not reduce terrorism, for the extremists fear that Palestinian self-rule will succeed. not that it will fail.

Unfortunately, the emotional impact of the bombings does not make for rational political discussion, and that is precisely what the terrorists count on.

The fragile Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization accord reached in 1993 hinges on security for Israel, which depends on Yasser Arafat's ability to keep order in the territories, which in turn depends on the prospect of Palestinian statehood.

If the Palestinians are persuaded that there is no chance of achieving their national aspirations - an independent state, not autonomy under Israeli military control — they will reject Mr. Arafat as a traitor. If he loses credibility, there is no way he can maintain any semblance of stability in the territories, and the peace agreement will fall apart.

The 1993 Oslo accords were disintegrating long before the Jan. 22 bombing. Many have attributed this to Mr. Arafat's ineptness and autocracy. But there is a more serious reason behind the disintegration: the accords themselves. They fail

in two critical respects.

First, they do not address the only issue that is important to Palestinians: the creation of an independent state.

Some observers have argued that state-hood is implicit in the "final stage negotia-tions" called for within three years of implementation of the agreement. But whether the negotiations will result in statehood is up to Israel.

It is understandable that many Palestinians do not believe that Israeli politics will ever permit their independence. For the prospect of statehood to have remained viable to them, Israel's leaders would have had to stop pursuing policies that contra-dict the goal of statehood. Instead, the government's equivocation has exacerbated the conflict between the goals of the Oslo agreement and the expansion of settlements in the territories.

The vast majority of Israelis were repulsed by the massacre of 29 Muslim wor-shipers in Hebron last year. They saw

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clearly that settlements are an impediment to peace. But Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-bin failed to remove the settlers from Hebron. It is therefore unlikely that he will be able to deal with the far larger number of settlers in the more complex circumstances he will encounter three years from now.

The Palestinians' skepticism was further fueled by the compromise reached last month which prevents Jews in the West Bank settlement of Efrat from expanding their enclave to one nearby hill but permits them to do so on another hill.

And the government has announced that at least 2,000 new apartments would be built this year near Jerusalem. How could Mr. Arafat possibly establish political credibility in these circumstances?

The other flaw in the accords is the provi-

sion for stages of antonomy — first Gaza and Jericho followed by other West Bank locales — which are linked to so-called confidence-building measures intended to show the viability of Palestinian rule.

This quid pro quo approach makes sense when Israel deals with governments whose leaders are firmly in control, such as Egypt's, Jordan's and Syria's. But it makes no sense when dealing with a weak organization like the PLO. It simply invites extremists to sabotage the agreement with confidence-destroying measures.

Can the agreement be saved? Perhaps, but only if Mr. Rabin makes peace a higher priority than getting re-elected next year. It is not much of a risk. The resent course guarantees that he will lose both the peace and the elections.

This means that the government must now affirm that Palestinian statehood is the goal of the peace process and proceed quickly down that path, not only to reinvigorate the talks but also to preclude false Palestiman expectations. By setting the limits of statehood, Israel can disabuse those who entertain the false notion that a full return to the pre-1967 borders is possible.

The government also must begin removing settlements now, not two years or five years down the road. The next stage of the agreement, the so-called early empowerment of the West Bank, is doomed if all the settlements stay in place—not to speak of expanding—for they offer irresistible targets to Islamic Jihad, Hamas and other opponents of the agreement.

Mr. Rabin also must make clear to Is-

raelis that terrorism and instability, endemic to the region, are unrelated to the security issues posed by Palestinian statebood. Safeguards can be built into the peace agreement to prevent Palestinian military aggression, but not individual acts of terrorism. Such acts are made more likely by Palestinian frustration.

Some will argue that the recent bomb-ings have precluded Palestinian statehood. But that is to argue that peace between Israel and the Palestinians is impossible. The violence led Mr. Rabin to propose building a "security border" to separate the West Bank from Israel. The inevitable conclusion of such a separation must be the establishment of a Palestinian state.

There are good reasons to be skeptical of the Palestinians' commitment to peace. Jabilation over the carnage supposedly cur-ried out in the name of Allah is too widespread to pretend otherwise.

A genuine reconciliation is pentaps too much to expect after decades of bloodshed. But Oslo was really not about peace it was about separation. Palestinian state. hood is not a reward for good behavior or good intentions. Rather, it is a desperate Israeli need. The alternative is for Israel to remain locked indefinitely in a deadly embrace with 2 million Palestinians."

Mr. Rabin had public support for his peace policies even during the most con-troversial phases — for example, when it was revealed that he had arranged talks and supported an agreement with Mr. Arafat. Israelis elected him because he offered a clear alternative to the Likud's advocacy of an untenable status quo. If that support has eroded, it is partly because Labor's alternative has lost its sharp edge.

Perhaps political courage and boldness.

can no longer carry the day. But it is a risk worth taking, for the alternative is the inevitable collapse of the peace process and the certain defeat of Mr. Rabin in 1996. Only a fool can believe that such an outcome would discourage the terrorists.

The writer, former executive director of the American Jewish Congress, is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

The Treasury Chief Faces a Rough Ride

WASHINGTON — Robert E. Rubin, President Bill Clinton's new Treasury secretary, fits the mold in many ways. A successful investor as co-chairman of Goldman Sachs & Co., Mr. Rubin follows other secretaries who made their mark on Wall Street: Donald Regan, Ronald Reagan's first appointee: Nicholas Brady, George Bush's man. and John Kenne-dy's Douglas Dillon. Mr. Rubin is a Democrat, of course, while the others were Republicans.

In an informal meeting last week with a group of reporters, Mr. Rubin concentrated on the Mexican peso crisis. He feared that unless loan guarantees for Mexico were approved, the re-cent ability of Mexico, Spain and other developing countries to participate in international capital markets would disappear

for many years to come.

A collateral consequence would be the collapse of the strong U.S. export markets in these countries. Mr. Rubin tossed U.S. sales to Latin American countries might drop as much as 40 percent over five or six years if an aid deal was not approved.

This is a serious risk for the United States," he said, adding that the real measure of such an event would be a huge loss of American jobs.

With Congress unwilling to quickly approve an aid package, President Clinton on Tuesday cobbled together an alternative plan that provided about \$47.8 billion of assistance on his own authority and from the International Monetary Fund and world central banks. This would have the advantage of involving other world powers in the bailout.

Mr. Rubin had pointed out that the International Monetary Fund "doesn't have enough money" to be a significant help to Mexico or other emerging market economies. He suggested that available IMF resources were only about \$40 billion, but

By A. M. Rosenthal

TEW YORK — Slash government, lean and

mean it. Certainly it may do some good and it will be a kind of crash diet that will make Americans

feel glowy about themselves before they start fatten-

Oh. the delicious variety of them — all those subsidies, grants, tax breaks, lifetime entitlements

and investor bailouts we each decide we cannot live

without, depending on our desires, age, race, national origin, mortgages, regional location, what we do for a living and how much we make.

Politicians and voters have decided for the time

being that government is the enemy, not what they

But Americans have enough common sense to accept without quarrel a function that gives govern-ment much of its power: to ensure domestic tran-

quility, named in the preamble to the constitution

as one of the reasons for establishing the United

The constitution does not say that Americans

themselves have no role in carrying out that func-

tion, or watching how the government is doing.

Right now both government and the governed are

doing their jobs so miserably that it affects the lives

Domestic tranquility — the thought is sour cyni-

cism as long as children slaughter children, violent

criminals are released many years before their due date, drug gangs control neighborhoods, or guns are

easy at hand to people who like to shoot other people.

slum to sunny playland that it should be creating a

steady unified surge of action. Instead, we use our

The crime bill passed last year by the Democrat-

major attempt to use every method to fight crime:

The fear of crime is so strong in America from

themselves do to, with or for government.

States in the first place.

and civil liberties of all Americans.

ing up again on their own favorite cream pies.

By Hobart Rowen

according to IMF sources, the agency has lendable hard currencies of about \$90 billion. Under of Russia's assault on Chechnya. the new Clinton plan just announced, the International Monetary Fund would lend Mexico as much as \$17.8 billion.

capital needs of developing counglobal lending institutions and no one is undertaking a new global conference, à la Bretton Woods of 1944, to do anything about it. although the need for such a review has been discussed for years.

This issue is bound to come up this Friday and Saturday in Toronto at Mr. Rubin's first Group of Seven financial ministers' meeting. The ministers will meet again April 26-27 during the an-nual spring session of the World Bank and IMF in Washington.

Mr. Rubin, whose expertise has been in domestic affairs, must then Mr. Rubin claimed that this pro-7 summit meeting in June, in Halifax. Nova Scotia. Unfortunately. his concentration on the Mexican crisis prevented a discussion of these and other key issues at the reporters' session.

Mr. Rubin did say that the administration, while disapproving the constitutional balanced-budget amendment, favored balancing the budget cautiously over time. President Bill Clinton's goal, as Mr. Rubin put it, "is to achieve fiscal discipline."

Like the former secretary Lloyd Bentsen, or James Baker, Mr. Rubin will have to learn the foreign economic ropes. Mr. Baker, Mr. Reagan's chief of staff, took a crash course from the international economics expert Fred Bergsten - and turned out to be the best manipulator of the decade.

As the nation's chief financial officer, Mr. Rubin will play the key role in developing Mr. Clinton's agenda for the annual economic summit meetings. An espe-

cially delicate issue that must be decided in advance is whether President Boris Yeltsin, who has sat in at the last three meetings, has outlived his welcome because

The German government has shown an inclination to brush him away. Otto Lambsdorff, leader of the liberal Free Demo-The bottom line here is that the crass, wrote: "Can one imagine apital needs of developing countries have exploded beyond the attend world economic summits capacity of the IMF and other and Helmut Kohl continuing to greet him with a bear hug and Russian fraternal kisses?" As of the moment, U.S. policy on this question is not clear.

Mr. Rubin already was in-volved in G-7 affairs as manager of the White House's National Economic Council. Following a disappointing economic meeting in Naples last year, government officials and academics have been trying to figure out a way for the. G-7 apparatus to redefine itself in the post-Cold War era.

In an interview after Naples, ready under way, since the G-7 leaders had scheduled a "jobs summit" in Detroit that sought to show the differing approaches to job creation and income maintenance between the United States and Europe. Mr. Rubin felt that the group thus already had begun to generate a new kind of "glue" to replace the unifying force of a common enemy the former Soviet Union.

Yet Europe rebuffed Mr. Clinton's proposal at Naples for a new round of global trade talks - a challenge strongly indicating that U.S. influence at the summit bargaining table was waning badly. Now, as Halifax approaches, an international economic crisis looms, and not just because of the peso problem and the IMF's inadequacies. Yet Mr. Clinton and Mr. Rubin are lame ducks whose foreign policy already has been challenged by the newly empowered Republican majority in Congress.

The Washington Post. **Domestic Peace Takes a Steady Effort**

police, prisons, courts and prevention. Instead of choosing one or two favorite anti-crime tech-

niques, it ordered up the full menu. Of the \$30.2

billion bill (over six years), 45 percent went to law

enforcement, including more police, 32 percent for

prisons and 23 percent for prevention. That in-

cluded special drug courts empowered to order therapy instead of prison for young nonviolent offenders. It is one of about 40 programs culled by

the intellectually ubiquitous Representative Charles

Schumer from programs around the country. George Pataki, the Republican governor of New

York, is floating proposals once proposed by his predecessor, Mario Cuomo, to end prison for nonvio-

lent drug offenders. Delay applause, if any. For the

state, as for the federal government, letting arrested

addicts and pushers go free without the funds for enforced treatment would be simply a back door to decriminalization. So the plans cannot be judged

percent for prisons and a fat 6 percent for crime

prevention. That skews the anti-crime struggle

against any hope in treatment and education — an

ntested, dangerous and desolate decision. And, in this bill or after it is passed, the gan lobby

Last year, the majority showed the sense of civil

will be back to repeal the ban on assault weapons.

compromise essential to move the anti-crime struggle

forward. Banning only assault weapons was far short

of what they felt was needed to deal with the Ameri-

can gun plague. But they settled for assault weapons

alone because so many other Americans opposed to

the ban and reduce crime prevention programs to an

afterthought. They will probably win. It will be a

strange, sad triumph - to show that the country is

not wise enough yet, or politically civil enough, to take steady, unified action toward that elegant, life-

The New York Times.

giving national goal called domestic tranquility.

Now the new majority is using its power to repeal

crime did not want even that much of a ban.

until Mr. Pataki comes up with the money.

Will Nice Doctor Greenspan Let the Patient Out of Bed?

A T a time when Americans have embraced a smaller role for govern-ment, one group of policymakers—the Federal Reserve Board and its chairman, Alan Greenspan — is having a hard time keeping its hands off the economy. Robert Eisner, the Northwestern University economist and author of "The Misunderstood Economy," compares the economy to a patient suffering from clogged arteries. The patient would have a longer and better life by exercising and expanding the capacity of his heart and circulation system," he says. "But what Dr. Greenspan has done, I think unwisely, is to simply put the economy to bed."

No matter what the Fed does this week on interest rates, controversy will continue for the next several months over how much of the Fed's bed rest the economy really needs.

The Nobel-winning economist Milton Friedman, at least, has no doubt that the Fed will persist in its active ministrations. "The problem with working in Washington," he says, "is that the practice of exercising power is corrupting: the more you do it, the more you want to do it. And soon enough, you begin to think you're in charge."

Other central bankers, apparently, have succumbed to the same temptations. In a new book, "The Central Bankers," British journalists Marjorie Deane and Robert Pringle argue that monetary policy became "the only game in town" in the mid-1970s when it became clear that the elected branches of government were failing miserably in managing their economies. Instead of using the government's spending and taxing powers to try to dictate an explicit rate of economic growth — the old Keynesian formula — the new approach tries to manage growth indirectly by manipulating interest rates and control-ling inflation — the traditional province of the central bankers.

Perhaps no central banker was more successful, or at times more ruthless, in pursuing the new approach than Paul Volcker, Mr. Greenspan's predecessor at the Fed. But in an introduction to "The Central Bankers," Mr. Volcker warns his former colleagues not to let their newly found power and influence go to their heads. Central bankers, he writes, should remind "themselves of what they are wont to warn others about: excess of zeal and confidence. - Steven Pearlstein, who writes on economics for The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Dreadful Weather

day [Jan. 31] was exceptionally se-

by the military, and in Dublin seventy arrests were made, including members of the Corporation and members of Parliament.

1945: 'Big Three' Talks? LONDON — Amid growing indications that the "Big Three" parley was close at hand, if not acmally in progress, the British government spokesman today [Jan. 31] promised British randomy forcements in the American drive against Japan, but declined to call on Marshal Josef Stalin for any immediate aid in the Far East. With both Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden conspicuously absent and presumably "in conference" - or about to be -Richard K. Law, the youthful Minister of State, flatly rejected the plea that Soviet aid be invoked in behalf of the British

prisoners held by Japan.

We know already that in the new Republican-LONDON - The weather sponsored drug bill in Congress, therapy and eduthroughout Great Britain yestercation get the back of the financial hand; 51 percent of the money is for law enforcement, 43

vere. A terrible gale, accompanied by blinding snowsqualls, prevailed in the Channel in the morning. In Venice a severe snowstorm is now raging and communication by either calle and canal is almost impossible. In Paris the level of the Seine has fallen one mètre in consequence of the opening of the weirs in Paris. The still water round the Cité is frozen over.

1920: Arrests in Ireland

LONDON - Following on yesterday's [Jan. 31] events, when the newly-elected councils in Ireland elected Sinn Fein mayors and Sheriffs, a sensational round-up of prominent Sinn Feiners took place in the early hours of this morning. Raids were carried out

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The Confidence Gap Widens in a Shaken Japan

TOKYO — In Japanese the word for earthquake is jishin. By a coincidence of Chinese ideograms, the word for self-confidence is also jishin. Punsters here have had a field day as the Kobe earthquake has revealed a society far less confident and well-organized than many people, particularly on the outside, had realized

Japan was never the superefficient society many liked to imagine. But the Japanese have been lucky in that their efficiencies have been largely in the areas needed for the creation of a stable society and a strong manufacturing economy.

As with the North European societies of a generation or so ago, a long period of village and

In the country's response to the Kobe earthquake, the flip side of Japan's famed efficiency was revealed.

feudalistic isolation encouraged an instinctive sense of order, a strong desire for group associa-tions and a liking for making things — all qualities that (until recently, at least) have made for major progress.

We saw some of this in Kobe after the initial shock had worn off and people began to reorga-nize. But the quake also revealed an amazing lack of preparation, imagination and flexibility. The incompetence of initial rescue efforts left one wondering how Japan got where it is in the world economic order today.

Fire-control planners, who devote great energy to public parades of modern equipment, had done nothing to prepare for the breaking of water pipes, an inevitable problem if an earthquake struck Kobe. As fires raged out of control, the planners complained about having no water. Meanwhile, at trade imbalance and the overappreciated yen.

By Gregory Clark

their backs was the Pacific Ocean. If there had been the slightest wind on the first two days of the disaster, Kobe would no longer exist.

Only a month earlier Japan's much-touted Self-Defense Forces were basking in the selfgenerated publicity of aiding Rwandan refugees. Yet they needed more than two days to organize for relief work among their own citizens, just miles from large Japanese military bases.

Here we see the flip side of Japan's famed efficiency. Japan gains much from the close village-type cohesion of its groups. But groups do not exist primarily to create efficiency. They exist simply to guarantee their continued existence. If the fire brigades feel they can do this by parading shiny equipment rather than organizing emergency water supplies, then parades and shiny equip-ment it will be. If the military thinks it can best boost prestige by African excursions, then that will become the focus of its efforts. If these organizations can be made to believe that their prestige and survival depend on efficient disaster relief, they probably will perform splendidly. But someone has to have the imagination and the will to arrange that in advance.

Similar principles apply in the economy. In manufacturing, the tasks are clear and the goal is obvious: The company cannot survive unless it produces goods of quality that can sell around the globe, Companies thus do that. But in the service sector, companies can survive in other ways. They can play on the biases of the Japanese consumer. They can form cozy cartels. They can bribe politicians. The contrast between Japan's supereffi-cient manufacturing sector and its woefully inefficient service sector is a major reason for the

Many other inefficiencies can be explained in terms of Japan remaining as an expanded villagebased society: the lack of town planning so pitifully revealed by the shacks in central Kobe; the decrepit financial system, which almost wrecked itself and the nation five years ago with its belief that land and share values should be five to 10 times higher than anywhere else in the world; the fuddy-duddy tertiary education system that has left Japan unprepared for the computerized information era now upon us; the venal politicians; the

close-minded bureaucrats, the vocal farm lobbies. The world came to praise Japan for the determined and methodical way it overcame the oil shock problems of 1973. But, as with Kobe, it was hard to praise the lack of contingency planning that had allowed Japan to become so dependent on Middle East oil or the panicky behavior just after the sudden oil price increase

Where does this leave Japan? What does it mean for the future? There are encouraging signs that an agonizing national reappraisal is under way. The flood of cheap foreign goods into Japan is forcing a complete shakeout of the notorious distribution system. Yen appreciation and the extended recession are forcing companies to shake up traditional management systems. Backwardness in the computer and information indus-tries is finally being realized. Even politicians

seem to realize the need to do better.

The influential business newspaper Nihon Keizai recently devoted much space to a survey of flaws in the Japanese mentality. It went so far as to suggest that the Koreans, once despised by Japanese, were doing better on the international scene than Japan was. None of this adds to the national jishin. But it could mean that Japan will be less complacent and better prepared for other iishin, both actual and abstract, in the future.

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ten and is already being repeated.

who are no longer with us is under-

standable and proper. But to stay silent and look the other way as the

world's (and especially American)

media ignore the carnage in Bosnia is an insult not only to those who

died at Auschwitz and those who die

in Bosnia, but also to humanity at

large - and especially to future gen-

erations who shall have to answer

for our inaction just as we must

answer for the inactions of those

To observe a moment's silence in



'A meeting of the Conservative Advisory Committee on the Acceptable Arts.'

In America, a Consensus of Philistines

WASHINGTON —As the Republican blade whistles toward the outstretched neck of the National Endowment for the Arts, some Americans cheer while others gasp. No one knows how deep-ly the blade will cut, but some

bloodletting seems inevitable. And like the ritual slashing carried out by the performance artist Ron Athey, the spectacle promises to polarize the debate over government arts financing even further. This is too bad, because nothing neither shocking performances nor threats of censorship — endangers

the arts as much as the debate itself. Among the leading voices, it is no longer possible to find a broad-minded, historically informed view of art. Instead, each side has capitulated — each in its own way — to the philistine notion that art is necessarily about power, that all works of art, including the world's great masterpieces, are best understood as either attacks on the established social order or defenses of it.

This idea has a long pedigree. Early in this century, artistic innovators saw themselves marching shoulder to shoulder with political revolutionaries. Because most of those marches ended badly, modernism gave up the fantasy that art could transform the world.

Now this fantasy is back in force among the radical fringe of the contemporary "arts community." Subversion is art, art subversion.

The political right understands this fantasy well enough to ask, with Senator John Ashcroft of

By Martha Bayles

Missouri, why American taxpayers to come up with a satisfactory answer to this question, which is why they keep repeating that controversial art receives less than 2 per-

cent of endowment grants.

MEANWHILE

Given the feebleness of this re-

ply, the right ought to seize the high ground and accuse the NEA of failing to distinguish between genuine art and politicized charlatanism. But too often, conservatives opt for the low ground.

Newt Gingrich insists that he is talking only about certain NEA programs when he rails against arts patronage for an elite group" and "self-selected elites using tax money to pay off their friends." But if so, why does he advocate "zeroing out" the entire agency? The implicit message is that all art is elitist.

This is nothing but good old American philistinism. Yet for all its folksy appeal, such philistinism is the worst possible stance

for conservatives. When rightist philistines dismiss

all art as elitist, they only fortify the leftist caricature of art as a function of power: class power,

up every time a liberal pundit equates artistic controversies of the present with those of the past. The columnist Richard Cohen

should "subsidize an assault on their values, religion or politics."

The NEA's defenders have yet photographs of genitalia and sadomasochistic sexual acts by comparing it to the French Academy's rejection of Impressionism.

Like countless other well-mean-ing liberals, Mr. Cohen tried to settle the matter by declaring, "One generation's outrage can sometimes be another's beloved classic." But this cliche settles nothing, because while Monet was original without being obscene, Mapplethorpe was obscene without being original.

Can we get rid of the philistine consensus by getting rid of the NEA? No. The same mentality pervades popular culture.

Lynne Cheney, the former chairwoman of the National Endownent for the Humanities, said government arts financing encouraged "fads and trends that without taxpayer support would soon fade away." Has she seen "Natural Born Killers"?

Throughout American culture, the problem is the same: Instead of restructuring the way we finance the arts, we need to restructure the way we think about them.

The writer is author of "Hole in Our Soul: The Loss of Beauty and Meaning in American Popular Murace power, gender power.

The philistine consensus shows

sic." She contributed this to The New York Times. sic." She contributed this comment

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

China's Market Reforms

I write to you to clarify remarks contained in your report "German Bank Waves Its Club at China Over of contracts through China's pro-Debts" (Jan. 28) that did not correctly represent my views. The article addressed the issue of alleged nonpayments by certain Chinese state enterprises to foreign investors and banks.

During a roundtable discussion with the International Herald Tribune, I analyzed the situation and said that as far as the legal claims are concerned, it should be understood that China is now in a period of transition to a market economy. Traditionally, China was ruled by

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people, not by law, so it is natural that there may be some legal probiems concerning contracts. We are making progress in the enforcement gram of economic reforms. If we want to make further improvements, in my view the right way is not to complain to the government or make it a political issue.

I now wish to address two specific points in the article that did not correctly represent my views: First, I was quoted as saying that

"the Chinese economy is not ruled by law, but by people." This is obviously not consistent with my view that progress has already been made in developing the legal sys-tem and the enforcement of laws. I was not describing the present situation but the past when I referred to the lack of a rule of law.

Second, I was quoted as saying "there is no effort at the national level to put in place the rule of law for contracts." I did not express mywe want to improve the situation it is not sufficient to simply have a government effort but to pursue the memory of those that we love and matter through legal procedures in the courts as well. In addition, those terms are not consistent with my view, which was correctly cited in the same article, and namely that China is now making progress in the transition to a market economy.

> FAN GANG, Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Remembering Auschwitz

On the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, we hear everyone pledging that we must never forget the horrors of bigotry, hatred, injustice and oppression of the past, and that we are never going to let it repeat itself. And yet, one need only look toward Bosnia to realize that self in those terms. What I said was the meaning of the guilt that is that China has made efforts, but if Auschwitz has already been forgot-

who remained silent on Auschwitz. ADIL NAJAM. Cambridge, Massachusetts. During the commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz, it is odd that nobody has mentioned the category of victims who had to wear pink triangles instead of yellow stars: homosexuals. Plain oversight or something more insidious?

LESLIE SCHENK. Chevilly-Large, France.

BOOKS

FELLINI

By John Baxter. 374 pages. \$24.95. St. Martin's.

Reviewed by Peter Brunette

F OR millions of Americans, the name Federico Fellini symbolizes the quintessential art-film auteur. The creator of such classics as "La Strada,"
"La Dolce Vita," "8 1/2" and "Amarcord," who died in 1993, comes vividly alive in this new biography, with all his peccadilloes and neuroses on full dis-

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of separating the Fellini selfmyth production — which was usually even more imaginative than his films — from the facts, at least insofar as they can be established. He is also very good at delineating the permulations of the baroque, extravagant behavior, settings and human physiognomy that have come to be labeled "Fellini-

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Mary-Louise Parker, Drew Burrymore and Whoopi Goldberg, during recording session with Bonnie Raitt for "Boys on the Side."

Rock Soundtrack, a Tale of Sisterhood

By Liesl Schillinger New York Times Service

EW YORK - The moment the screen lights up with Whoopi Goldberg's face, the theater fills with the sound of Goldberg singing Janis Joplin's defiant anthem "Piece of My

It isn't hard to suspect that the film "Boys on the Side," which opens in New York Friday, is meant to be heard as much as seen. Indeed, by the time this story about sisterhood concludes, moviegoers will have heard 24 rock songs by arguably every leading contemporary female vocalist. (The soundtrack album will be released this

week by Arista Records.) Among the women whose voices are heard in the film are the folk-rock newcomers the Indigo Girls, along with such hit vocalists of the '80s as Annie Lennox and Chrissie Hynde and the country-rock icons Bonnie Raitt, Melissa Etheridge and Sheryl Crow. Practically the only male singer heard is Elvis Presley, whose "Jailhouse Rock" is played in a party scene.

The all-female sound track is no accident; it is just what the film's producers — Herb Ross, the director; Mitchell Leib, the music director of the film's production company, Regency/Hera, and Clive Davis, the president of Arista Records - set out to create. "We have kept very strongly to a female sound track," said Davis, "not as a gimmick but as a heartfelt statement."

"Boys on the Side," written by Don Roos, who also wrote the screenplay for "Single White Female," can be seen as a hip, feminist, multiracial take on "Pilgrim's Progress."

Three lonely women - the struggling singer Jane (played by Goldberg), the control freak Robin (Mary-Louise Parker) and the ditsy Holly (Drew Barrymore) - journey cross-country by minivan, learning to trust one another en route. Complications ensue because Holly is unmarried and pregnant, Jane is a recently jilted lesbian, and Robin, whom Jane calls "the whitest woman in America has AIDS.

The songs were chosen, Ross said, "sometimes to describe the state of mind of the women, sometimes as an artistic statement." For instance,

who loves the 70s soft-rock group the Carpenters, she sings their mellow hit song "Superstar" to her. Earlier, when the three take to the road, the sound track swells with the break-loose beat of Crow performing "Keep On Grow-

As the trip progresses, Stevie Nicks sings "Somebody Stand by Me," writ-ten for the film by Crow and Todd Wolf to express how the women evolve into an unconventional family.

Whose idea was it to have an allfemale sound track? Ross thought it might be his. Leib claimed, "It was my idea originally." Davis said, "I thought it would have a major impact if the entire sound track were performed by women."

HOEVER deserves credit for the idea, it proved ap-pealing to virtually everyone involved in the film.
"It just made total sense," said Leib. "that female vocalists would help to solidify the emotions better than a male voice in a film about three women."

Bonnie Raitt, who performs Roy Orbison's "You Got It" in the film, agreed. "It's a great idea," she said, "to have female voices in a film about female bonding and sisterhood."

The three stars helped choose the songs. "Whoopi's kind of like a mynah bird," Leib said. "Td put on a song, and she would immediately go into a shuck and sing it, because when she'd hear it she'd get moved and get going."

Ross recalled asking the actresses to brainstorm on what kind of music they liked to play while driving in a car, since the women spend a good deal of the film car pooling from New York to Tucson, Arizona. That's how we got Shame. Shame, " he said, alluding to the Shirley and Co. song the characters listen to on their journey.

It was Leib and Ross who persuaded the Indigo Girls to appear in the film. And it was Davis, of Arista, who insisted that Ross get Raitt to make her own recording of "You Got It" for the film's sound track. (Goldberg also performs the song in the film.)

"I felt that if Bonnie emotionally brought back the song at the end, it would be very strong." Davis said.

'Lucia' Returns to Paris

But Perhaps Not What Donizetti Had in Mind

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ARIS — Donizetti's seemingly indestructi-ble "Lucia di Lammermoor" has returned to the repertory of the Paris Opéra after a quarter-century, splendidly sung, admirably com-plete, and in a staging that has an agenda totally different than that of the composer and his librettist.

This is hardly new on the cur-rent opera scene. Andrei Serban. who has been responsible for brilliant work in both the spoken and lyric theater, gives fair warning in a program note that he is after something else. Although he concedes that Donizetti's music expresses the hidden subtext of the subconscious, which it surely does (i.e. Lucia's fragile mental stability), Serban and his designer, William Dudley, give the subtext as they see it.

Thus, we are in a wartom country." with a setting that "evokes a military universe under male domination." Forget misty and romantic Scotland of the late 16th century, or maybe a century later — the libretto itself is none too clear about that.

Instead, on the stage of the Bastille, we are in the 19th century with a decor that mingles two elements. On the one hand there is the medical milieu of Jean Martin Charcot, director of the neurological clinic at the Salpètrière hospital in Paris and a pre-Freud pioneer in the fields of hysteria locomotor

ataxia and the like. Within Professor Charcot's semicircular hospital theater. with the male chorus in the gallery observing the proceedings, is 2 variety of paraphernalia suggestive of the French cavalry school at Saumur. Henry Ashton. Lucy's desperate brother. and his cohorts are in the appropriate period military uniforms, behaving in a suitably crass manner, not excluding the

occasional rape. Perhaps this better explains



Roberto Alagna and June Anderson in "Lucia."

ance on the day of her wedding and kills her unwanted bridegroom, although the chorus of oos that greeted Serban and Dudley at the final curtain make that a debatable thesis.

On the other hand, there were nothing but cheers for the impressive cast. June Anderson is surely the Lucia of the moment, and although she lent herself heroically to the frenetic de-mands of the staging, she also sang the role with superb possession of her vocal means and understanding of the psychological subtext.

The outstanding young French lyric tenor Roberto Alagna was a fine Edgardo, a reminder, indeed, that at various times in the past this has often been considered a tenor's opera rather than the soprano's. Compared with the ease of his singing at the Opera Comique last season as Gounod's Romeo, he sometimes seemed to be pressing a bit, but that is understandable in the relatively vast space of the Opera Bastille, not to mention the discomfort of having to sing the final scene from a metal bridge high above

the stage floor.

why Lucia loses her mental bal- to have taken on new weight in solidly eloquent Enrico, and Francesco Ellero d'Artegna was an excellent Raimondo. Gerard Garino as the unfortunate Arturo and Martine Mahé as Alisa gave weight to their secondary roles. As Normanno, Christian Jean had of course very little to sing but he was given a great deal to do stalking menacingly around the stage making intimidating military gestures.

Two scenes that used to be systematically omitted were included here. They are the scene in which Raimondo adds his own arguments to persuade Lucia to accept her brother's machinations, and the first scene of the final act in which Enrico and Edgardo confront each other. Their inclusion was all to the good Maurizio Benim's conducting, if not eloquent, was never less than than efficient and supportive of the singers.

There remains a question of how useful this staging is likely to be. The Opera needs repertory staples that can be used for a reasonable period of time. "Lucia" is certainly a staple, but how long the Paris public will want to live with this willful Gino Quilico's baritone seems staging remains to be seen.

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LONDON THEATER

Not-So-Merry 'Wives of Windsor'

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - Written at the express wish of Queen Elizabeth I —a commissioning tradition her namesake has sadly not bothered to continue - "The Merry Wives of Windsor" is essentially "Faistaff II." Shakespeare's increasingly desperate attempt to revive and recycle the old rogue who was his most popular character. It was. I guess, fortunate for him that his monarch didn't demand to have Othello or Lear or Hamlet brought back to her for Part Two, but even Falstaff presents con-

tinuity problems. The fat fool we have here is neither the one that Hal rejects at the end of "Henry IV." nor for obvious reasons the one whose death is so movingly reported by Mistress Quickly in "Henry V." especially as she too is back on stage for what remains, with the possible exception of the recently unrevived "Gammer Gur-ton's Needle," the first British stage

It remains curiously unloved by contemporary British directors, with the notable exception of Terry Hands, who having staged it twice at his native Royal Shakespeare Company now makes "The Merry Wives" his National Theatre debut. Curiously too, given his evident ob-session with it, Hands has precious little to tell us about the play. He simply gives it an excellently stage-managed canter around the stage, with such experienced old troupers as Denis Quilley and Brenda Bruce milking every possible laugh out of some often painfully unfunny small-town

mishaps. "The Merry Wives" has always seemed to me to celebrate low jinks rather than high jinks, and not even a firework display and the now requisite bands of strolling choirboys can make one believe that the Olivier stage has another "Wind in the Willows"-type family celebration. The Ford-jealousy subplot still seems to belong in some altogether other drama, and a lame supporting cast finds itself cannot be a supporting cast finds itself cannot be

large supporting cast finds itself support-ing precious little.

Much of the current vitality of a wintry West End comes from "fringe" companies taking advantage of unbooked theaters to establish a commercial beachhead around



Maureen Beattie as Mistress Page in "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

price ticket money before heading off on the road once again. And while the laughs in "Merry Wives" have to be dredged up by the cast from a leaden and labored text. Cheek by Jowl has a much easier and happier time of it with "As You Like It" (Albery).

Coming off a world tour that has triumphed from Moscow to Paris and on to the United States, this Declan Donnellan production is all male, not in itself a breakthrough, since the National Theatre thought of it 30 years ago, but nonetheless fresh enough to keep the play bubbling along merrily through its own cross-dressing shenanigans.

This production, never before in the West End, went on the road in July 1991, led then as now by Adrian Lester as a man playing a woman playing a man playing a woman in Donnellan's wistful celebration of confused sexuality. Other casting has improved in the meantime, especially Michael Gardiner as a dark, cruising Jacques rightly determined to remind us that even in the Forest of Arden there are sexual

Nick Ormerod's customarily bare stage gradually fills with light and colored ribbons as Cheek by Jowl strips down and then reassembles all the parts in an "As You Like It" that demands, and gets, total

reappraisal of a familiar text.

"The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol" has also been about a bit at home and abroad these last few months, and has now been chosen by Simon McBurney's Theatre de Complicite to mark the company's first commercial season at the cavernous Shaftesbury Theatre.

F this transfer works a little less well than Cheek by Jowl's, it may simply be that "As You Like It" has recently been playing broad stages abroad and is more acclimatized to expansion. Theatre de Complicite still looks a little lost behind a very wide proscenium arch. and this once close-up story of a charismatic French peasant is somewhat less effective in long-shot, when viewed across several rows of stalls. For all that, "Lucie" is not to be missed.

She is the Cocadrille, the strangely misshapen creature of the peasant earth who grows up to be a successful smuggler and eventually, cheating death, achieves immortality as a spirit, at last reunited with her one true love.

Drawn from one part of a book by John Berger, "Lucie Cabrol" is a picaresque fable about the power of the land, the need for greed, and the eventual triumph of the human spirit over all adversity so long as it is supported by love as strong as the hate it

Lilo Baur, in the title role, is part Peter Pan, part Hunchback of Notre Dame. It's a dazzling portrayal.

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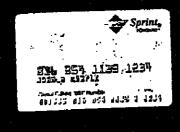
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DETROIT - General Motors Corp. said Tuesday that earnings for 1994 nearly doubied from the previous year, as the company's North American operations posted their first annual profit since 1989.

Separately, GM said it planned to buy back as many as 15 million of its common shares over the next 12 months to distribute through the company's stock savings plans. GM offi-cials were not immediately available for comment,

Net income at the largest American automaker rose 34 percent in the last three months of 1994, to \$1.57 billion. Worldwide revenue rose 14 percent, to \$42.55 billion.

GM said net income of \$4.9 billion for the full year included a charge of \$758 million related to an accounting change for disability benefits. It earned \$2.5 billion, or \$2.13 a share, in 1993. The 1993 results included a charge of \$478 million for accounting changes.

Full-year revenue rose 12 percent, to \$154.95 billion. GM stock closed at \$38.875, up \$1.50, on the New York Stock Exchange.

North American operations, which include GM's main business of car and truck manufacturing, posted an operating profit of \$492 million for the fourth quarter of 1994, after losing \$328, million in the third quarter.

The division's full-year profit was \$690 million, after a loss of \$872 million for 1993 and more than \$17 billion in cumulative losses since 1990.

GM's international division posted fourth-quarter operating profit of \$374 million, up 41 percent from the previous year, because of gains in Europe and the Asia/Pacific region.

Santer Will Need To Clear the Air

By Barry James

PARIS - Jacques Santer, president of the European Union's executive commission, will face a tough reception in Paris on Friday for apparently opposing a French attempt to

impose quotas on European television productions.

Mr. Santer, on his first official visit to Paris since taking over the commission presidency last week, will be asked to state his position "without ambiguity," according to France's minister for European affairs, Alain Lamassoure.

Mr. Santer's remarks, in an interview with the International

Herald Tribune, created a shock last week in the French government, which holds the revolving presidency of the 15nation Council of Ministers.

Mr. Lamassoure said that France had made "cultural independence" in Europe a keystone of its policies during its presidency. France wants the commission to draft legislation imposing minimum quotas for European audiovisual produc-

tions and providing financial support for the industry.

Mr. Santer is seeking to avoid the kind of clash on cultural issues with the United States that came close to scuttling talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. He said Friday, "A quota is always something artificial that can only last for a certain period of time." A spokesman later said the commission was seeking the best way of helping the industry. Mr. Santer was supported by Martin Bangemann, the EU commissioner for industry and telecommunications,

But Mr. Bangemann said there should be financial props for the audiovisual industry and suggested taxing television stations that show U.S. productions to raise revenue to help

European program makers.

A 1989 directive called "Television Without Frontiers" requires EU television stations to ensure that most of their programs are of European origin. France wants the directive to be turned into a much stiffer and legally constraining quota system, which is expected to be strongly opposed by the United States.

Mr. Santer, a former prime minister of Luxembourg, has also shaken many in the French establishment by his decision to allow English to join French as an official language at EU news briefings.

Markets Cheer New Plan Clinton's Maneuver Aids Peso and Bolsa

were elated by President Bill the country's output. Clinton's plan to provide aid to

stock market posted sizable co is virtually tied with Japan as gains Tuesday. which includes assistance from of living standards would hit the International Monetary the U.S. economy. In addition,

Fund and the Bank for Interna- as Mr. Clinton noted Tuesday. tional Settlements, also took economic turmoil in Mexico pressure off the dollar. Al-would exacerbate the flow of though the ramifications for the dollar were not clear, Mexico's economic problems have been weighing on the U.S. currency. In late trading, the dollar

stood at 5.6950 pesos, down from 6.3500 pesos at Monday's close. The peso was punished by the market Monday, when the International Herald Tribune reported that Mexico's foreign-exchange reserves were as low as \$2 billion. Although Mexico denied the report, it would not provide a figure.

The dollar ended last week at 5.7350 pesos, compared with less than 3.50 pesos before the Mexican financial crisis erupt-

ed in December. Other Latin American stock markets were heartened by the easing of tensions about Mexi-co, which ran into trouble because the peso's relatively high value before December allowed Mexicans to run up a 1994 trade

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches deficit of \$28 billion, a level that MEXICO CITY - investors seems far out of proportion to

Mr. Clinton has been anxious Mexico despite a recalcitrant to help Mexico because its American Congress, and the economy is closely linked to battered peso and Mexican that of the United States. Mexi-America's second-largest ex-Mr. Clinton's program, port market, meaning a collapse

would exacerbate the flow of

illegal immigrants into the

United States. After the peso's sharp fall Monday, Mr. Clinton said, he could not wait for Congress to approve a \$40 billion loanguarantee package, so he in-stead crafted a program with the IMF and BIS, which groups central banks of major industrial countries.

"The move is in the right direction, and we have to see what kind of permanent policies will come out of this," said David Speigelman, vice president of First Chicago Corp. in New

York. The Mexican government was more emphatic. "The new financial package fully meets the objective of stabilizing financial markets," the Finance Ministry said. "For that reason the guarantees sought by the government of the United States will not be necessary.

"The arrangement completed today will give us the immediate resources to attend to the problem of short-term liquidity that has been affecting Mexican fi-

nancial markets." Certainly, investors took the news as an opportunity to buy Mexican stocks at depressed prices. In late trading, the Bolsa Index surged 10.2 percent, to 2,092.61. The rise took it roughly to the level at which it began last week, but the gauge remains far below the 2,500 mark at which it traded in early December.

Other regional exchanges ben-efited as well, and the Latin American component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index rose 9.65 per-

cent, to 94.19, in late trading.
The Mexican government gave Mr. Clinton's plan a tangible vote of confidence by canceling its weekly sale of dollarindexed tesobono bonds. The securities, which are one of the key elements in the Mexican crisis, will pay far lower interest rates if the cash crunch is resolved, and the government said it did not want to pay the yields investors were demand-

ing Tuesday.
Although the bonds were not sold, investors bid for threemonth tesobonos at a yield of 26.97 percent, up from 24.98 percent last week, while sixmonth tesobonos would have See PESO, Page 10

Luxembourg Court Opens Way for BCCI Settlement

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches shareholders—the government and rul-LUXEMBOURG — After waiting ing family of Abu Dhabi — must pay who lost money blamed the bank's woes more than three years, creditors of failed \$1.8 billion toward a global settlement on lax regulation by authorities includmer, he said.

With the first installment, dividend payouts would be possible by this summer, he said.

Bank of Credit & Commerce Interna- fund. Abu Dhabi is part of the United ing the Bank of England.

tional may begin getting some of their Arab Emirates.

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of the lost money — about 15 cents on the dollar — by approving a revised consideration.

Banking regulators closed BCCI cents to 40 cents on the dollar, by approving a revised consideration.

"The court finds that this agreement is in the best interests of the creditors," Judge Maryse Welter said.

Officials alleged BCCI had been used turn over \$1.55 billion right away and the to launder money for international drug rest within three years, Mr. Baden said.

money back this summer.

A Luxembourg court cleared the way

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Liquidators initially hoped to pay 30 Banking regulators closed BCCI cents to 40 cents on the dollar, but that branches around the world in July 1991, now looks unlikely. leaving claims of about \$10 billion. Under the plan, Abu Dhabi would

Mr. Baden said liquidators still hoped to recover "huge amounts" of the bank's money frozen in the United States.

Creditors may appeal Tuesday's ruling which was made by a three-judge panel in Luxembourg. But the plan was approved in September by a creditors' committee and has been approved by courts in London and the Cayman Islands, sites of

(AP, Reuters)

MEDIA MARKETS

Nova TV Is Becoming a Star

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By Robert D. Gray Special to the Herald Tribune

PRAGUE - Nova Television, the first private national station in the former Eastern bloc, will celebrate its first birthday Saturday and appears to have achieved considerable

The station has dominated Czech television, gaining a market share of more than 60 percent and effectively ending the 42-year monopoly of the Czech state network, CTV. And Czechs take their television seriously: Recent studies suggest they spend about 75 percent of their leisure time in front of the

"It is a story of the success of a market economy and the success of cooperation between between Western know-how and local knowledge," said Vladimir Zelezny, Nova's director general. "This is a very important example for other countries. We hope there will be followers, parmers in Slovakia and Poland.'

Nova's start-up was backed 75 percent by Central European Development Corp. and 25 percent by Czech Savings Bank.

Mr. Zelezny says the key to Nova's success is a balanced schedule, with Czech movies, American movies and Nova's own entertainment, news and current-affairs programs. About 45 percent of Nova's programming is of Czech origin, well above the 25 percent mandated by the government for its first year.

Success has also been reflected on the bottom line. Barry Hirsch, Nova's director of advertising sales, says that while first-year revenue was originally forecast at \$35 million to \$40 million, the station has surpassed all

those predictions, with advertising sales of more than \$50 million. In the past, \$57 million to \$59 million was the total for the entire Czech TV market.

Robert Penazka, an account supervisor for Leo Burnett Prague, an affiliate of the Chicago-based advertising agency, says Nova's success is welcomed by advertisers because it "creates competitiveness" in the market. Mr. Penazka said all his firm's TV clients advertised on the private station. "Nova has created a new era in our media," he said.

Nova is apparently helping to shape Czech viewing habits as well, as shown by its success in broadcasting reruns of the popular American series M*A*S*H, which has a 30 percent rating at 10:30 P.M. —an hour that had been considered "late night" because of Czechs' traditional sleeping and working patterns.

"People have changed their accustomed way of life, and they now go to bed 30 minutes later," after watching M*A*S*H," Mr. Sladecek said.

Films from studios such as Czech Barrandov, Buena Vista International, Columbia-/Tristar and France's Gaumont have also helped the station gain its hold on the market. Analysts also say a prime reason for Nova's

success is the fact that all programs are fully dubbed in Czech. "There is no interest in shows broadcast in the original language," Mr. Zelezny said.

Nova's toughest battles to date have been wrangling with the Czech government. "The legislative framework in this country is not prepared to accept commercial television," Mr. Zelezny said. "It fits the needs of public or state television."

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Sources: Reuters, Lloyds Bank.

Battle Ends: Burlington Gets Santa Fe

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches CHICAGO - Union Pacific Corp. on Tuesday abandoned its hostile attempt to take over Santa Fe Pacific Corp., ending a bidding war to create the largest U.S. railroad.

The capitulation clears the

way for another railroad, Burlington Northern Inc., to acquire Santa Fe in a friendly deal between the two.

Union Pacific had sought to buy Santa Fe for \$18.50 a share in cash, or \$3.6 billion. Burlington Northern offered \$20 a share, or \$3.8 billion, in cash

and stock. "It's easy to make a deal, but it's hard to make a good deal. And we thought that at any price over \$18.50, this was not a good deal for our shareholders," a Union Pacific spokesman said.

The companies' stock prices showed the bidding may have led Burlington to pay too much. Union Pacific's stock rose \$2.625 to \$50.25 in late trading. Burlington Northern fell \$1.875 to \$47.50, while Santa Fe stock

fell 50 cents to \$17.875. Analysts said the structure of the merger would make Santa Fe the most ... in the industry.

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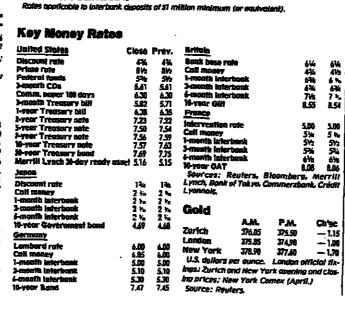
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MARKET DIARY

Mexico Rescue Plan Helps Stocks Rise

Compiled by Our Staff Fram Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks rehounded Tuesday after President Bill Clinton bypassed Congress and invoked executive authority to offer Mexico a new Imancial-aid package.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 11.78 points to

U.S. Stocks

3,843.86. Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones by a 4-to-3 margin. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was heavy, as 402 million shares changed hands, compared with 322 million Monday.

American depositary receipts representing shares in Mexican companies soared in active trading as investors were encouraged by the plan and picked up what they perceived as bargains. Teléfonos de Méxi-co rose 4½ to 35¼, Grupo Televisa was up 4% to 23%, and Grupo Tribasa finished 2% higher at 11%.

Mexico Fund rose 2% to 19%. There was concern because this Mexican situation has continued to unravel without any kind of leadership in Washington," said Todd Clark of Mabon Securities Corp. "If this aid

package is for real, it probably frees the Fed's hand to raise interest rates" and try to ensure that U.S. inflation doesn't ac-

The bond market also rallied. The price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond rose 23/32 NYSE Most Actives to 97 24/32, bringing its yield down to 7.69 percent from 7.75

Some traders were skeptical that Mr. Clinton's gesture meant Mexico was on its way to full recovery. "This isn't the first time this has happened," said Jim Benning, a trader at BT Brokerage. "I don't see how throwing cash at the problem

PESO: The Market Likes the Plan

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had to pay 40 percent, up from 26.99 percent last week,

Because the tesobonos are linked to the dollar and allow investors to withdraw their money in foreign currencies, the \$58 billion that mature this year

Foreign Exchange

were a catalyst in the cash crisis that began when Mexico devalued the peso Dec. 20.

The dollar rallied after Mr. Clinton spoke in Washington at 11 A.M., and it held its gains into the late afternoon. In New York, the dollar closed at 1.5243 Deutsche marks, up from its Monday close of 1.5053 DM, and at 99.625 yen, up from

"Clinton pulled this rabbit out of his hat, and that supported the dollar," said Richard Koss, manager of currency sales at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in New York.

The dollar also advanced to i.2850 Swiss frames from 1.2675 and to 5.2830 French francs 5.2240. The pound fell to \$1.5800 from \$1.5950.

Margaret Kudarauskas, an analyst at Technical Data, said. The Mexican cloud over the dollar has dissipated." But she added that questions remained as to what Mexico had agreed in terms of fiscal and economic

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Hong Kong and Sin-Tuesday for the Chi-

celerate this year, he said. The Federal Open Market

Committee, which makes decisions on U.S. monetary policy, began a two-day meeting Tuesday. Many investors were optimistic that any increase in interest rates announced at the end of the meeting would be the last in the central bank's yearlong effort to slow the economy to a sustainable growth rate.

really fixes it." IBM stock rose % to 72% after the company's board voted to repurchase as much as \$2.5 billion of shares. The board decided against a second shareboosting move: increasing its dividend. (Bloomberg, AP)

measures in return for the aid package, such as privatization programs.

She also said doubts persisted about the underlying problems that caused the Mexican crisis in the first place. The aid package "only goes to stopping the immediate crisis, not the underlying problems," she said.

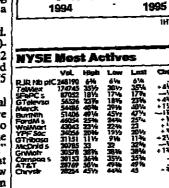
Taking a back seat to the Mexican situation was the first of two days of meetings by the Federal Reserve Board's policymaking Open Market Committee. The FOMC had been widely expected to raise U.S. short-term interest rates by half a percentage point, although some analysts speculated Tuesday that it would retrain because a rate rise would hurt Mexico.

With the Mexican situation improving, a rate increase from the Fed could help push the dollar to 1.58 DM within two months, said Hillel Waxman. manager of currency trading at Bank Leumi Trust Co.

Others cautioned that the dollar was not out of the woods. They said that while Mexico's crisis had eased, it had not dis-Mexico out of its trouble?" asked Richard Vullo, currency sales manager at Bayerische Hypotheken & Wechsel Bank. hat remains to be seen.

(Knight-Ridder, AFX Bloomberg, Reuters, AP, AFP)

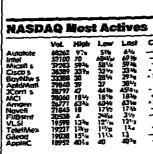
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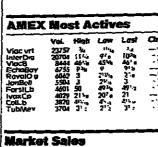


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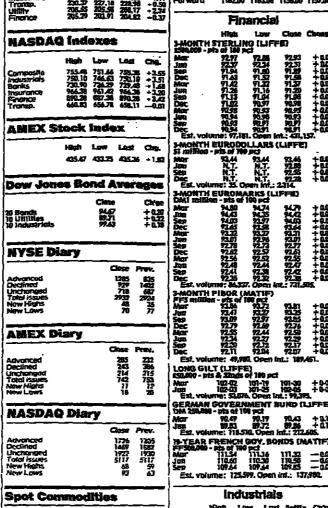
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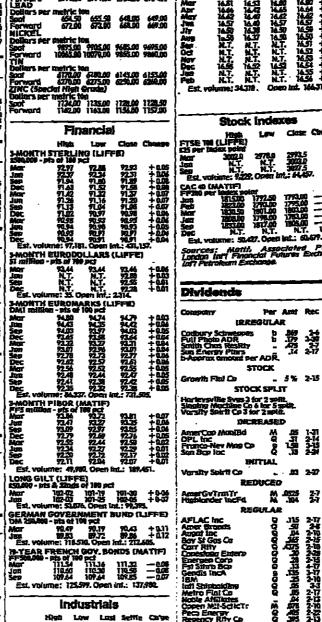
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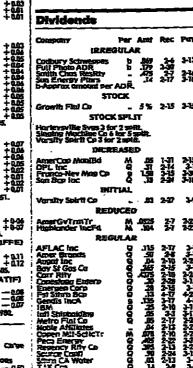
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Charges for Debt and Layoffs Dim Kodak's Net Kodak is already well into a program to lay off 10,000 empiovees and cut its work force

to below 90,000 by the end of 1995. In November, it cut an extra 800 nonmanufacturing (AP, Bloomberg)

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Sales Growth and Job Cuts Lift Xerox STAMFORD, Connecticut (AP) - Xerox Corp. on Tuesday reported a profit of \$311 million for the last three months of 1994

on strong sales growth of office equipment and digital products.

Revenue increased 10 percent, to \$5.29 billion. revenue increased 10 percent, to 30.29 unition.

For the year, the company earned \$794 million; compared with a loss of \$126 million in 1993, reflecting an accounting charge of \$813 million in the last period of that year. Revenues for 1994 rose

The company's performance was bolstered by a restructuring program that cut 8,100 jobs last year. Xerox announced in 1993 it would eliminate about 10,000 jobs by early 1996. Xerox shares

closed at \$157, down \$1, on the New York Stock Exchange. RJR Nabisco Reports Earnings Rise

NEW YORK (AP) — RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. on Tresday posted profit for the fourth quarter and all of 1994, in contrast to losses a year carlier.

For the latest three months, the company earned \$62 million, reversing a loss of \$461 million a year earlier. Revenue slipped to \$4.04 billion from \$4.05 billion.

For the year, RIR earned \$519 million, after a loss of \$145 million in 1993. Revenue rose to \$15.37 billion from \$15.1 billion.

Labor Costs Rose Slightly in 1994

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employment costs edged up 3 percent last year, the smallest increase on record, suggesting little inflationary pressure as the U.S. Federal Reserve considered-

raising interest rates to curb any price-hike spiral.

The release of the U.S. Labor Department's employment cost index Tuesday coincided with the opening of a Fed policy meeting to consider whether to raise short-term interest rates again in a continuing effort to forestall inflation.

Restructuring Lifts Scott Paper Net

PHILADELPHIA (Bloomberg) — Scott Paper Co. said Tuesday its fourth-quarter earnings more than doubled because of its restructuring and efforts to improve productivity.

The paper-products company said profit rose to \$83,8 milion; from \$34.4 million a year earlier. Revenue rose 6.2 percent, to \$960.8 million. In the most recent quarter, Scott Paper took charges of \$61.1. million for the early payment of debt and \$3.4 million for

American General Posts a Gain

respondenting.

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) - American General Corp. said Tuesday that fourth-quarter operating earnings rose 11 percent as growth in its consumer-finance business offset lower profit at its insurance operations.

The insurance and financial-services company's profit from & operations, or earnings after tax and before special items, rose to \$150 million from \$135 million.

In the latest quarter, net realized investment losses and realestate reserves of \$115 million brought net income down to \$35. million. In the 1993 quarter, a charge of \$300 million and a \$1 million net investment gain led to a loss of \$164 million.

Fourth-quarter revenue declined 1.2 percent, to \$2.06 billion.

Ad Giant Omnicon Buys Chiat-Day

NEW YORK (AP) - Chiat-Day Holdings Inc. and Omnicom Group Inc.'s TBWA International said Tuesday they had agreed to merge, creating an advertising agency with a cheat roster that included Nissan autos, Absolut vodka and Evian water. Terms vere not disclosed.

The combined company will be Omnicom's third major global advertising network and will handle more than \$2 billion in advertising billings through offices in 34 countries. Omnicon also owns the BBDO Worldwide and DDB Needham Worldwide network of advertising agencies.

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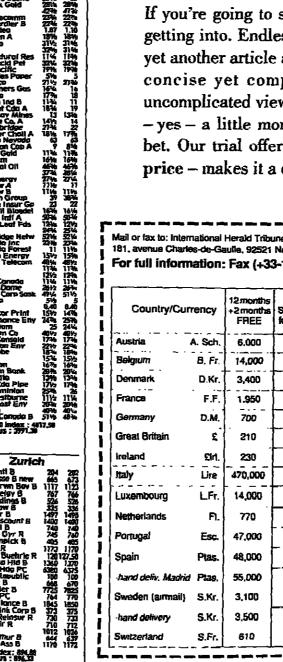
General Electric Co. has not ruled out selling its NBC network or a stake in it, Robert Wright, NBC's president, said Tuesday. (Bloomberg)

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Michelin Plans 'Europe Venture With Continental

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largest tiremaker, said the com-

panies signed a letter of intent

to begin "rapid accords" on co-

operation in specific areas. It

said the accord would not in-

Michelin said cooperation

would take place in four areas:

recycling, improving services,

reducing costs and access to

common production facilities

Michelin said combining

strengths "will permit an im-

provement in efficiency and

competitiveness for each in the

The company created under

the venture will be owned in

equal parts by each company,

and each will contribute equally

to the venture, Michelin said.

A Michelin spokesman said

the market for low-cost tires in

Europe was growing and that

Michelin was eager to move fur-

pressure in recent years to cut

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and U.S. tiremakers had caught

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Bloomberg Business News

PARIS - Michelin, the francs (\$57 million). French tire manufacturer, and Continental AG of Germany said Tuesday they planned a joint venture in Europe that would cut costs and help Michelin move into the low-cost tire market.

The companies did not estimate the financial value of the deal, though they said they hoped it would lead to a reduction in annual costs for each of

Murdoch Hints At Price Rise For Papers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches DAVOS, Switzerland -Rupert Murdoch and Conrad M. Black, whose newspapers have led a price war in Britain, indicated Tuesday that the rising cost of paper may force prices

Mr. Murdoch, chief executive of News Corp., said: "The price of paper has gone up by 30 or 40 percent in the last three months. That changes the

economics of newspapers." He added that News Corp. had not yet made a decision on raising prices of its newspapers including its

flagship daily, The Times. Analysts in Britain said the price war had cut newspapers' operating margins to the bone.

After Mr. Murdoch's comments at the World Economic Forum here, he talked with Mr. Black. Mr. Black, chairman of

Daily Telegraph PLC and Hollinger Inc., said, "If he raises his price, we could raise ours." He added that personal relations between the two men were good. Mr. Murdoch said circu-

lation of The Times had

doubled as a result of the

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Russia to Stay on Course

New Privatization Chief Backs Reforms

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MOSCOW - Promising to bring relations with foreign investors back to "where they were before," Russia's new privatization chief said Tuesday he had no intention of nationalizing recently privatized companies.

"We have to emphasize that our relations with foreign investors remain on the same basis as they were before Polevanov," he said. referring to his predecessor, Vladimir Polevanov, who was ousted last week after just 34 days in office for urging that some recent privatizations, particularly in the fuel and aluminum industries, be reversed.

"The hopes of some political activists and interested parties that there will be nationalization are completely without foundation," Mr. Mostovoi said.

Analysts say Mr. Polevanov's dismissal is being publicized by the Kremlin as proof that it intends to stick to its market reforms, which include privatization of state-run industries.

"Nothing changes in the strategy and tactics of reform in Russia on the part of the president or his government," President Boris N. Yeltsin said.

Mr. Polevanov last month banned foreigners as well as several journalists from his committee's headquarters, saying the state's

privatization secrets needed protection. Meanwhile, authorities have set up a com-

mission to overturn decisions made by Mr. Polevanov, the news agency Interfax said. Some decisions have already been canceled, including the one that placed the State Property Committee headquarters off limits to reporters and foreigners.

■ Coal Producers to Meet With Officials

Rosugol, the Russian coal producers' group, said it planned to meet with government officials this week to seek a solution to a crisis involving money owed to producers,

Rosugol's chairman, Yuri Malyshev, said Rosugol enterprises were owed more than 2.1 trillion rubles (\$524 million) as of Jan. 1.

About half of this sum is owed by industrial consumers, mainly electricity producers, while the other half, about 850 billion rubles, is owed by the federal budget," he said.

Rosugol says Russia's coal sector will need 4.3 trillion rubles in state subsidies this year, but the 1995 budget draft allowed for only 6.3

Mr. Malyshev said he had no fundamental objections to a plan by the World Bank to help restructure Russia's coal industry. "We agree with the World Bank, which says our coal industry is highly unprofitable," he said.

Electrolux Says Cuts Help Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche STOCKHOLM -- Electrolux AB said Tuesday that 1994 pretax profit after financial items rose fivefold because of improved sales, cost-cutting

and one-time gains. Electrolux, the world's thirdlargest household appliance maker, after Whirlpool Corp. and General Electric Co. of the United States, said pretax profit rose to 6.35 billion kronor (\$853 million) from 1.25 billion kronor in 1993.

The results reflect a restructuring and streamlining program undertaken by the company about three years ago, said Leif Johansson, its chief execu-

"We saw the world had opened up — we could get into markets in India and China, all of Asia." he said. "We decided to grow with fewer products in

greater area. Sales rose 8 percent, to 108.3 billion kronor. The company doubled its year-end dividend

to 12.50 kronor a share. The result exceeded analysis' expectations, but Electrolux stock held steady at 376 kronor. The sale of Electrolux Autoliv AB, a subsidiary that makes automobile airbags, gave the company a one-time gain of

2.78 billion kronor. Electrolux also bought AEG about 750 million Deutsche

marks (\$496 million). AEG Hausgeräte added 3.1 billion kronor in sales to Electrolux's balance sheet. "The result reported for the operation for the costs of the acquisition," Electrolux said.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Bayerische Motoren Werke AG's sales rose 45 percent, to 42.1 billion Deutsche marks (\$28 billion) in 1994, with the help of sales by Rover Group PLC, which it bought last year.

• Germany had a provisional trade surplus of 8.5 billion DM in November, after an unrevised 7 billion DM surplus in October. • Samsung Aerospace Industrial Co. of South Korea has bought Rollei GmbH of Germany.

• German new car registrations are expected to rise 3 percent this year to 3.3 million units.

• British companies invested £17 billion (\$27 billion) in their Hausgerate AG, the domestic-appliance unit of AEG AG, for percent more money than in the previous year. percent more money than in the previous year.

 Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA, the Greek staterun company, plans to float 10 percent of its equity on the Athens Stock Exchange after April.

• Austrian Airlines AG ordered four Fokker-70 jets, an order valued at about 1 billion Austrian schillings (\$94 million).

acquired has fully compensated • French unemployment in December was a seasonally adjusted 12.6 percent of the labor force, unchanged from November but up from 12.4 percent a year earlier.

Reuters, Knight-Ridder, AFX, Bloomberg, AFP

Argentaria Shares Drop on Results

ly, depriving it of a key marketing edge: the ability to boast MADRID - Shares in Argentaria Corporación Bancaria Two weeks ago, Continental de España SA fell Tue day as agreed with its Italian rival, Pircelli SpA — which tried to take it group said 1994 net profit rose a de España SA fell Tue day as cent, to 120.1 billion pesetas. over two years ago - to jointly smaller-than-expected 2.4 perresearch development of new cent after huge trading losses.

Hungary's Utility Sales Criticized

not be dependent either on foreigners or on commissioner and resignation of the central domestic private businesses in terms of its power bank president.

privatizations.

Argentaria's earnings of 66.4 truck tires. That project was the first of billion pesetas (\$503 million) its kind between the German were also hurt by low demand and Italian companies. It was for credit and increased compenot expected to lead to any tition in the mortgage market, broader cooperation.

BUDAPEST — Prime Minister Gyula Horn

on Tuesday criticized the planned privatization

of Hungary's utilities and indicated his govern-

ment wanted more influence over central bank

"It is of strategic importance that the country

Pretax profit fell 9.8 percent, January to 11.88 percent by the to 94.2 billion pesetas, while opend of the year. erating profit slipped 8.3 per-

Argentaria shares fell as much as 2.6 percent, to 4,390 pesetas, before closing at 4,440, down 65. Heavy losses in Argentaria's

investment portfolio were triggered by turbulence in European financial markets last year, which pushed long-term interties in 1994, after a profit est rates from 7.70 percent in 52.2 billion pesetas in 1993.

supply," Mr. Horn said in an interview with the

daily newspaper Nepszabadsag.

Mr. Horn did not say he would halt the

His comments came when foreign investor

confidence in Hungary was already shaky after

the weekend resignation of the finance minister and the recent dismissal of the privatization

Interest-rate fluctuations af-

fect the value of fixed-income securities such as bonds. Argentaria, one of the biggest investors in government debt in Spain, has a large presence in the bond markets.

Argentaria lost 21.5 billion pesetas on its investment activities in 1994, after a profit of

Veba Says '94 Profit Rose, and Thyssen Sees Rosy '95

DUSSELDORF - Veba AG, a diversified utility company, said Tuesday its 1994 profit rose strongly because of higher sales, a reorganization and cost-cutting. Veba's pretax profit grew 66 percent, to

2.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.6 billion) from 1.5 billion DM in 1993. Sales rose 7 percent, to 71 billion DM, primarily because of the first-time consolidation of its

distributors in Eastern Germany. Regarding its 1994 dividend, Veba said only that its chief executive, Ulrich Hartmann, wanted to "restore a more profit-linked dividend policy."

Profit improved or held steady across all areas of operation, Veba said. Higher profit in electricity production was linked to higher sales, while better profit in chemical operations was due to reorganization and cost-cutting.

Meanwhile, Thyssen AG, a German

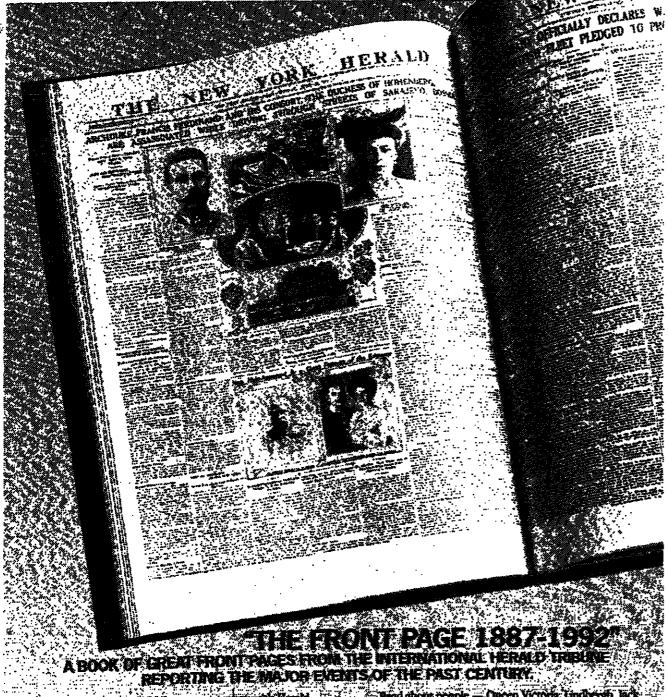
steel and engineering giant, said its earnings were on the mend, as orders surged percent and sales rose 6.7 percent in the first quarter of its current financial year. The company did not release detailed results for the quarter.

would boost net income in the year ending Sept. 30 to well above the 90 million DM reported in its 1994 financial year.

Heinz Kriwet, Thyssen's chief executive, said the company's policy was to pay out "at least as much" in dividends to shareholders as is transferred to re-

Thyssen did not declare a dividend in 1993 or 1994, after paying 6 DM a share in 1992. But the hoped-for improvement in earnings should enable Thyssen to pay The company said lower costs and rising sales, particularly in its steel business,

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Australia in Overdrive

Government to Step Up Budget Tightening

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches CANBERRA — Australia will post a current account deficit 70 percent larger than previous estimates for the year ending June 30, according to govern-ment data released Tuesday.

The revised estimates also show larger increases in economic growth, inflation and the budget deficit, despite recent

government efforts to cool an current account deficit, the meaoverheating economy.

Treasurer Ralph Willis told Parliament that the government would step up budget-tightennew figures, with the goal of returning the budget to surplus by 1996, two years earlier than planned. He did not elaborate. The revised figures show the

sure of a country's trade and overseas payments, reaching 26 billion Australian dollars (\$19.7 billion) for the current fiscal ing measures in response to the year, compared with a forecast last May of 18 billion dollars.

Mr. Willis blamed the higher figure on a drought in eastern Australia, which has reduced agricultural exports. Gross domestic product is ex-

pected to rise 5.5 percent in fis-cal 1995, compared with a forecast of 4.5 percent made in May. Core inflation is now seen rising to 2.25 percent, rather than the earlier estimate of 2 percent, Mr. Willis said, and the deficit is to come in at around 12.3 billion

dollars, up from an original esti-mate of 11.7 billion dollars. Mr. Willis said the wider budget deficit was due to a delay in the sale of the government's remaining 75 percent of Qantas Airways caused by a

falling stock market. Australian markets reacted negatively to the news. The Sydney Stock Exchange's All Ordinaries Index tell 26.1 points, or 1.4 percent, and the yield on the benchmark 10-year government bond rose to 10.41 percent from

10.17 percent Monday. On the plus side, the government said it expected business investment in the current budget year to increase 24 percent, up from an earlier estimate of 14 percent.

New Zealand stocks, meanwhile, posted their biggest losses in six weeks as optimism that interest rates had peaked evaporated in the face of a central bank warning and figures showing an economy growing faster than expected.

> (Reuters, Bloomberg Knight-Ridder, AFP, AFX)

Nomura Sees a Shake-Up

TOKYO - Nomura Securities Co. says a restructuring of Japan's securities industry may be inevitable because of the protracted slump in the stock market.

"There are no brokerages which are confident about their present and future financial health in the current environment," Kenichi Takeshita, the company's director, said in an interview this week.

Century Securities Co., a medium-sized brokerage and an affiliate of Daiwa Securities Co., said Friday that the government of Brunei would buy a 20 percent stake in the company. The move would be the first foreign stake that would allow management rights in a full-service Japanese securities company.

"Brune's capital participation will not be

the last," Mr. Takeshita said. Analysts and industry sources said the Ministry of Finance had become more liberal about letting foreigners buy into Japanese

securities firms, given the low stock market turnover and the fact that many brokerages have been posting losses. In addition to soliciting outside capital, brokerages will have to continue efforts to

slash costs, Mr. Takeshita said.

The Japan Securities Dealers Association said 215 Japanese brokerages had combined losses of 85.1 billion yen (\$858 million) in the first half of this financial year.

Tokyo's stock market slump began with a plunge in the Nikkei average from its record high of nearly 39,000 at the end of 1989. In 1994, the Nikkei meandered between 17,000 and 21,500.

Mr. Takeshita pointed out that brokerage firms depend on volatility in the markets. "It the market does not move, it means people do not have an opportunity to win or lose, and it cannot attract people," he said.

He said Nomura's parent current profit, which is similar to pretax profit, was below its forecast of 70 billion yen so far in the finan-

cial year ending March 31. In its last financial year, Nomura had a

current profit of 50.60 billion yen. Nomura had expected average daily turnover on the first section of the Tokyo exchange to be about 400 billion yen. But in the latest quarter, Mr. Takeshita said, turnover

was only about 260 billion yen a day. He added, however, that since the Kobe earthquake on Jan. 17, market turnover had increased to about 500 billion yen a day.

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Axa to Acquire Stake In Australian Insurer

PARIS — Axa SA said Tuesday it would acquire control of National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, Australia's second-largest insurance company.

The move will provide Axa, France's fourth-largest insurer, with a stepping stone to China through National Mutual's presence there and in other Asian markets.

The deal calls for Axa to pay 1.1 billion Australian dollars (\$834 million) for 40 percent of National Mutual, with the stake rising automatically to 51 percent once the Australian group converts from a mutual insurer to a publicly traded company

on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchange National Mutual, in return, will receive the cash infusion it needs to strengthen its balance sheet, as well as the opportunity to become a publicly traded company.

National Mutual members will vote on the deal at a special meeting in June.

Analysis said the deal was similar in structure to Axa's \$1 billion purchase of a controlling stake in Equitable Life Assurance Co., the U.S. mutual insurer, in 1991. Equitable subsequently became publicly owned, and Axa currently holds 60 percent of the stock.

Claude Bebear, chief executive of Axa, said National Mutual would become Axa's "third pillar in its global operation,

with responsibility for the Asian-Pacific region." The Australian government Tuesday raised eyebrows in the industry by approving the takeover, reversing a policy of

disapproving of mergers with non-Australian companies. Analysts said the change of position signaled that the door was open for other such mergers - in particular, for Australian Mutual Provident Society, the nation's largest insurer.

Japan Deciding How to Pay for Kobe Very briefly:

TOKYO — Two weeks after the earthquake that devastated the port city of Kobe, Japan's government has yet to decide how to pay for reconstruction costs estimated at \$85 billion.

Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura told a parliamentary panel Tuesday the ministry would draft, by the end of February, a supplementary budget for the current fiscal year, ending March 31, aimed at meeting some of the costs.

The first package would be used to clear up rubble, build temporary houses for 300,000 services including water, power toll stood at 5,096 people.

and gas to the city of 1.5 million Service Sector Growing

Refugees in Kobe have been urging the government, which has come under attack for delays in relief work, to move

quickly on the funding. Choji Ashio, deputy governor of Hyogo Prefecture in southwestern Japan, where Kobe is located, said Monday that reconstruction would cost 8.55 trillion yen (\$85 billion). roughly a tenth of Japan's annual state budget.

More than 100,000 buildings and homes collapsed or were severely damaged by the earthevacuees and re-establish basic quake. As of Tuesday, the death

Japanese service industries employed more people than the country's manufacturing sector last year for the first time ever, Agence France-Presse reported, quoting the Management and Coordination Agency.

The agency said service industries employed a record 15.42 million people last year, a rise of 260,000 from 1993, mainly reflecting increased employment in the medical and education sectors.

Manufacturing, meanwhile, employed only 14.96 million, a drop of 340,000 from, chiefly because of job losses in the textile and machinery sectors.

Chase Manhattan Bank of the United States has upgraded its operations in India, opening a branch to provide international banking services to large companies and financial services firms. Standard & Poor's Asia Ltd. revised its long-term outlook on Sumitomo Bank Ltd. from stable to negative.

• Fujitsu Ltd., the Japanese computer and communications concern, and Corporate Software Inc., the U.S.-based computer programming company, plan to set up a joint venture in March to sell discount computer software in Japan.

• Sumitumo Chemical Co., Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. and Hodogaya Chemical Co. of Japan are studying plans to merge their agrochemical subsidiaries.

• Marubeni Corp., the Japanese trading company, said a consortium from Japan, China and the United States had won an oil-exploration license in Papua New Guinea and planned to spend as much as \$100 million on test drilling.

• The Philippines could face inflationary pressure ahead of the country's general election May 8, Manila's central bank said.

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Philippines Says It Plans Sweeping Tax Reform MANILA - A sweeping tax reform package intended to increase collection and broaden the revenue base in the Philippines will be presented to Congress by the middle of the year, the finance secretary said Tuesday.

Roberto de Ocampo said studies on a new taxation system

would be finished by the time new members of Congress took office in June, after elections in May. Mr. de Ocampo said tax changes would help maintain economic growth, which reached 5.5 percent last year. He said the measures would include computerization to improve tax

He also said the current tax system bred corruption and was regressive. Only about 2 million of the 65 million Filipinos pay taxes, most of them fixed-income workers who cannot escape the withholding tax despite relatively small

That has left the government short of funds for social programs that serve the 50 percent of the population living below the poverty line, as well as desperately needed infra-

In 1994, the government had an estimated fiscal surplus of 13.7 billion pesos (\$559 million), its first in two decades. Mr. de Ocampo said the target for this year was a 15 billion peso

Surplus.

The tax system has become so complicated and full of nooks and crannies within which the unscrupulous can hide."

All Nippon Favors Short-Haul Planes Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - All Nippon Airways Co. said Tuesday it had placed firm orders with Airbus Industrie for 10 short-haul A321-100s worth a total of 64.5 billion yen (\$650 million). The airline will defer delivery of five A340-300 long-haul

aircraft. It also canceled orders for four of eight Boeing Co. 747-400s and will instead buy three 767-300s and three 777s. The airline said it was scaling back orders for long-range planes and planned to fly more short routes in Asia.



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Hoyas' Foul End Aids Syracuse

Big games in the Big East often come down to free throw shooting, and the season's first between No. 10 Syracuse and No. 13 Georgetown was no exception.

The visiting Orangemen, aided by the Hoyas' horrible foul

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shooting Monday night, posted a 76-75 victory, the 450th for their coach, Jim Boeheim.

"The only thing we wanted to do, and obviously the only thing that worked for us defensively, was we wanted to foul them when they went inside," said Boeheim, who has 142 losses in his 19th season at his

The Hoyas, who were shooting 65 percent from the foul line, made just nine of 26 free throws, and were 4 for 14 in the

Suns' Barkley **Defeats Cavs**

Charles Barkley, used to hitting big shots, scored 20 points and drilled a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down and 1:09 left as the Phoenix Suns

won, 89-82, in Cleveland. The Suns' coach, Paul Westphal, used his 13th starting lineup of the season, putting super-

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subs Dan Majerle and Danny Manning in along with Barkley, Wayman Tisdale and Elliot Perry on Monday night.
"We've been winning games,

but we haven't been playing exceptionally well," Majerle said. 'So Coach wanted to change

things a little." He and Manning each scored

Neither team ever had a big lead. The Suns pulled ahead for good with nine minutes left, then Barkley's 3-pointer gave them a 7-point lead. Terrell Brandon, out the pre-

vious four games with a sprained right wrist, led Cleveland with 20 points.

Jazz 115, Timberwolves 80: Utah ran its winning streak to 13. and John Stockton had 14 assists to leave him 10 shy of Magic Johnson's NBA mark.

Stockton, who had 12 assists in the first half, and gets a chance to break the former Laker star's record of 9,921 on Wednesday night against Den-

Pistons 102, Clippers 95: Grant Hill got 27 points, one shy of his season best, while Joe Dumars scored 26 points and matched a career-high with 14 assists, as Detroit posted its first two-game winning streak since Nov. 15-17. second half. Syracuse was 18 for 24, and missed only one shot from the field or foul line in the final two minutes.

Syracuse took the lead for good at 68-67 on John Wal-lace's rebound basket with 2:15 left to play. It was the first of three big rebounds for the 6foot-8 junior forward.

After Jerome Williams made one of two free throws for Georgetown, Wallace made two when he was fouled after grabbing an offensive rebound.

Freshman Allen Iverson, who led Georgetown with 25 points, then missed on a drive and it was Wallace who grabbed the rebound that led to a layup by Lucious Jackson and

a 72-67 Syracuse lead. The Hoyas, who lost at home for the first time this season, closed to 74-72 on Iverson's 3pointer with 21 seconds left, but Lawrence Moten beat everyone down the court for a dunk seven seconds later. Iverson's 3-point-er at the buzzer provided the

final margin. Moten, who got 19 points, moved into second place on his school's career scoring list.

No. 1 Massachusetts 79, St. Bonaventure 62: Derek Kellogg made two 3-pointers during a 10-0 run early in the second half that helped host UMass win its 15th straight. Lou Roe scored 21 points for UMass, David Vanterpool had 21 for St. Bonaventure.

No. 18 Missouri 80, No. 11 lowa St. 71: Three-point shots the Rangers since coming into by Jason Sutherland and Ken- the league two years ago, and drick Moore capped a 14-2 run they have yet to beat anybody as visiting Missouri overcame this season after a 6-2 loss Monsensational long-range shooting day night in New York.

scored 29 points for Iowa State. wa's Alexander Daigle said.



Kent Nilsson, being watched by the Red Wings' Nicklas Lidstrom, made his NHL return at age 38 in a game that host Edmonton lost, 4-2. Nilsson, who last played for the Oilers in the 1987 Stanley Cup playoffs, said, "It's a little different than playing in Europe."

Senators Lighten the Rangers' Woes

The New York Rangers found the perfect antidote to their early season blahs: the Ot-

tawa Senators. The Senators have yet to beat

by Fred Hoiberg.

Hoiberg made a school-record eight 3-pointers and

"It's not much fun to play the
Stanley Cup champs when they
are in a hungry mood," Otta-

Adam Graves, who got his fifth Whitney scored just 16 seconds NHL hat trick plus an assist.

NHL HIGHLIGHTS Petr Nedved scored twice for the Rangers.

Panthers 2, Bruins 1: John Vanbiesbrouck stopped 38 shots and Dave Lowry's goal ended the tie as visiting Florida won its third in a row after opening the season with three losses. Boston has lost two in a

"They were all over our net." row after winning its first three.

And no one was more so than Sharks 2, Blackhawks 1: Ray into the game, the quickest goal in San Jose history, and got another goal in the second period as the Sharks completed a season-opening homestand by extending their winning streak to

> go's three-game winning string. Arturs libe made several speciacular saves in the net for San Jose, which was outshot by Chicago, 31-14.

four. The loss snapped Chica-

The Insanity Continues

ONDON — "One cannot die for a football I match at the age of 24," said Cosimo Spagnoio. But, alas, one just had.

The insanity of death at the stadium is back with soccer. Spagnolo uttered those words late Sunday when he learned that the Genoa supporter knifed to death by an A.C. Milan gang member was his son, Vincenzo.

Take a deep breath. Try to imagine the despair of the Spagnolo family. The passing days will offer no reason, no succor. Nothing can compensate for the senseless slaying of a young man. Italy's sporting lords have declared that next Sunday — a Sunday too late — all professional sport will be suspended. That seems a decent gesture: The taking of a life in the name of sport. should not pass without at least a day of mourning. Yet Italy's interim government distances itself from the act, saying the problems it might be intended to soothe — presumably problems of law and order while feelings run high — are

merely being Nevertheless, Hughes [the leaders of

Olympic sports and professional soccer have now committed the country to a day of reflecting on the mania. "Compared to life," observes Ottavio Bianchi

coach of Internazionale, the second Milan club, what is a game?" What indeed: What are a hundred games or a thousand? What are any of us to make of the

instinct that, so soon after the Heysel and other atrocities, triggers emotions both beautiful and vile and becomes the cause of another killing? Vincenzo Spagnolo was no martyr, no catalyst for anything in particular. He never reached the splendid Luigi Ferraris stadium but was caught up

in the "war game" that is waged under the banners of the so-called "ultras," the hard-line supporters. Simone Barbaglia, the Milan youth alleged to have stabbed Spagnolo, apparently painted a picture of panic, mishap and macho madness. He is 18, this accused killer. He was employed as an

apprentice gardener and he visited Genoa clad in the English green country waxed jacket that gave his mob its cover and its assumed title, "Barbour

The weapon, described as an II-centimeter butterfly knife, was given to Barbaglia by an even younger youth who is also in custody. Barbaglia's plea is built on a statement that he and his friends were surrounded by Genoese fans charge of Italy's World Cup tournament, visited and in self-defense, he brandished his knife. He London to ask if it was possible to prevent claimed Spagnolo was pushed onto the blade.

Pushed onto it? Five times? That, according to the hospital, was the number of wounds in the victim's chest. One went through his heart.

The aftermath is still unfolding. The match between Genoa and Milan was halted, goalless, at halftime after word spread and Genoa fans, screaming "Assassini! Assassini!" hurled all manner of objects onto the field and attempted to break down barriers keeping home and away supporters from one another's throats.

The barriers held firm. The police, certly slow to show themselves, battled for control in the stadium and on the streets. They held Milan supporters in the stadium for six hours until safe evacuation under armed guard could be assured at 11 P.M. The arrests came in Milan in the dead

The Italian media links the ultras to sponsored travel from clubs like Milan. And, slowly, the club owned by Silvio Berlusconi, briefly Italy's prime minister, tackles the notion that thugs are attached to its winner-take-all credo.

A week before the killing, two policemen and 16 fans were hurr in violence at San Siro, Milan's famous home, during a match against Fiorentina. Earlier this season, Milan was barred from playing European Champions League games at home because the goalkeeper of Austria Salzburg was hit by a thrown bottle and sustained a

HE CRIES of outrage are still ringing. Accu-sations by Milan fanatics that the Austrian keeper took a dive were doubtless not lost on the Barbour Boys. But, though there will be a stillness next Sunday, nothing will stop Milan from playing the first leg of the European Supercup against Arsenal in London on Wednesday night.

The encounter between two ultra defensive sides is ostensibly a prestige meeting between Milan, winner of the Champions' Cup last sea-son, and Arsenal, holder of the Cup Winners' Cup. It is a match for profit. A full house of 39,000 is assured. The walk from Finsbury Park tube station to Highbury Stadium is under dim

street lighting menacing at the best of times.
Umberto Gandini, Milan's organizing director, reportedly said Tuesday that "there are 200 hardcore fanatics from four separate groups among our 800 traveling supporters. They have chartered a plane and unfortunately they do get involved in violence."

What? Barbour Boys flying to England, the land which begat this hooligan tradition? Five years ago. Luca di Montezemolo, the man in known hooligan types from traveling to Italy.

Today, it seems, the danger is reversed. London's police say they are prepared; Arsenal believes its stadium, like all English grounds without fences,

will cope. I suspect it will. For England has invested millions in suppressing violence. Past horrors have taught the English how.

Back in Italy, Gianhoza Vialli, the Juventus player, warned: "We should not spout thetonic. We players have done nothing to stop violence." He spoke days after Eric Cantona, playing for Manchester United, launched a kick at a London lout in the audience who shouted abuse as Cantona was ordered off for

kicking an opponent. Cantona is soccer's John McEnroe And just as tennis attracted a psychopath who knifed Monica Seles on court, so soccer has attracted a killer clement. Coincidence? I think not.

Rob Hughes is on the stuff of The Times."

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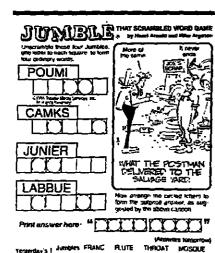
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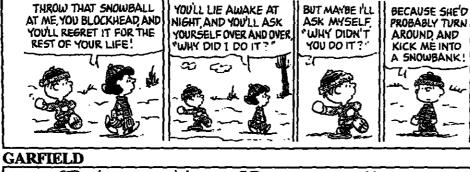
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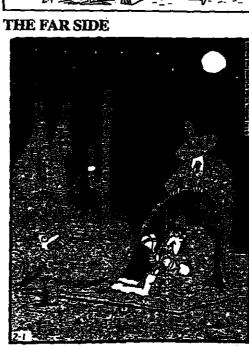












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*Having Entered the Pantheon, 49ers Are Unlikely to Rest on Their Laurels

By Michael Wilbon

Washington Past Service MIAMI — Eddie DeBartolo stood be-fore his victorious San Francisco 49ers, clutching the Vince Lombardi Trophy yet again, and told them, "I don't have

to say anything to you guys. You know." Don't we all. There are no words for the San Francisco 49ers. Music maybe, but not

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New York Yankees, Boston Celtics, Montreal Canadiens, San Francisco 49ers. The poor San Diego Chargers, They didn't do anything wrong, really, except dare to try to get in the way of history in the making. Not to mention Steve Young and Jerry Rice.

It's now five Super Bowl championships in 14 years, a short enough span to make for a dynasty, but a long enough period to see the faces change and know this is a franchise for all time. Just as Babe Ruth gave way to Joe DiMaggio and Bill Russell to Larry Bird, Steve Young has proven he is as worthy a successor to Joe Montana as one could imagine. And although we must admit there's never been anyone like Jerry

Rice, and probably won't be, you get the drift: Tom Rathman or William Floyd?
Dwight Clark or John Taylor?

If you can play, if you can help the franchise in its pursuit of becoming be the best team in football, probably even the best in professional sports, the 49ers will find you. Draft you, trade for you, woo you away even when others offer more money.

They've even managed to do something the Yankees, Vantage Celtics and Point the Canadiens couldn't:

they haven't become hated. We don't just admire the 49ers, we like them. It was an insightful observation President Bill Clinton made Sunday when he told DeBartolo via telephone. "I haven't met a fan anywhere in America who resents all the success you've had." Indeed, the 49ers have won with such a stunning combination of elegance, innovation and sense of fair play that you can't wait to see what they'll come up with next. "More than anything," Steve Young said, "I want people to appreciate

Jamie Williams, the 49ers' former tight end, stood outside the locker room after Ado business as usual, the cupboard the 49-26 dismantling of San Diego and said: "They've separated themselves from everybody else, from the Steelers and Cowboys and anybody else. They're all a halfstep back now. The 49ers are just superior in organization, in philosophy, in system, in playmakers."

Or as Carmen Policy, the club president, said: "We've done it with different coaches, different quarterbacks, different key players. The only constant is the owner."

That, of course, is DeBartolo. He has a sense of subtlety and propriety that Jerry Jones or George Steinbrenner would never comprehend. And Policy is the perfect extension of DeBartolo. They are why the 49ers aren't going to be hamstrung by new free agency rules or a salary cap or injury or retirement. If there are players out there to be had, then the 49ers will have the best of them. Policy ticked off the names of the free agents signed, which included Deion Sanders, and he said, "We hope this sent a message to the rest of the free agents

should be full. Jesse Sapoin, the guard who has played on four of the 49ers' five cham-pionship teams, said: "When you have an owner who just wants to make money, you're eventually going to be in trouble. When you have an owner who will not stand for losing, it may put a lot of pressure on the players, but it's an owner just about every player in the league wants to

play for. That, of course, includes Young and Rice, the best in the league at their positions. Looking at Young squeeze the Super Bowl trophy and blink back tears of joy and relief, one couldn't help but think of Michael Jordan after his first National Basketball Association title. Young has had to endure so much ugliness, from the fans back in northern California, from Montana himself. The word "gentleman" never better characterized a man than it does Steve Young. To go 24 of 36 for 325 yards, six touchdowns and no interceptions in the Super Bowl is unbelievable. To try and assess Rice's performance with

separated shoulder, prompting Young to say later, "Jerry Rice with one arm is better than everybody else with two."

Much like Ruth and Bird and the Canadiens' Rocket Richard, Young and Rice were resolutely executing the plays they wanted to, with little thought of resistance. Sapolu, the left guard in his 12th season, thought about all the talent that surrounded him before the game and said to himself, "You can be part of a history-maker today, part of a team that can go out and be as good as people expect."

After the game, Sapolu said: "What we were doing out there today was like a symphony, with Steve Young conducting." And speaking of the offensive coordina-tor, he said, "Mike Shanahan mentioned before the game that we could score over 40 points. Really, we could have scored

They've set a standard now that perhaps nobody else in football can live up to. People are wondering whether this is the best team of all time, though I would argue

stats would diminish his artistry. He that the 1989 and 1990 49ers, with Mon-played most of Super Bowl XXIX with a tana and Roger Craig, were better. But look where we are, comparing the 49ers with the 49ers. The Cowboys came, went, came again. The Redskins have come and gone, so have the Bears, so have the Giants. It's appropriate that DeBartolo and Policy wind up so frequently holding a trophy named for the man who said, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

Policy said that not winning the Super Bowl would have been "a total failure." Undoubtedly, this is a franchise that will continue to stalk championships, regard-less of the rules of the day. "Under this new system," Policy said, "you have to start all over again every year. You have to look at your blackboard and erase every

They'll have Rice and they'll have Young. Does anybody else start with this much? The phone calls will come from free agents who want to win more than they want top dollar. Shanahan and Deion could leave, but somebody else will come and the San Francisco 49ers will win.

name that isn't under multiyear contract.

Change Super Bowl So It Merits Its Name

By Thomas George New York Times Service

MIAMI — You are Paul Tagliabue. You are the commissioner of the National Football League. You settle in at your suite at Joe Robbie Stadium just before kickoff, surrounded by family. friends and business associates. You are anxious. You are excited. Another season is about to reach its climax. Another Super Bowl. Your biggest show. You are ready for your league to strut its stuff. And then the game unfolds. One team is ahead, 7-0. And then 14-0. And then 21-7. And then 28-7. And then 35-10. And then 42-And then 49-18. Finally, San Francisco 49, San Diego 26.
 And National Conference 11, American Conference 0 in the

last 11 Super Bowls. Most of them blowouts. You are embarrassed. Once again, You are concerned.

As Tagliabue left Miami on Monday morning for the Pro Bowl in Hawaii he had to wonder what shape the league's biggest

Vantage Point

attraction, its showcase — the Super Bowl — was in. This is getting old. And for the first time, the questions about changing the league's playoff format to a more competitive form are now

crystallizing beyond philosophy and theory. The owners will gather at their annual meeting in March in Phoenix. For the first time, serious discussion can be expected, and maybe action, on the playoff system's being changed. The time is tipe.

This is getting old. And the reasons why change might be expected as early as next season are because the owners must see what others: The integrity and interest and health of the sport's biggest game are at stake. They hear the arguments about cyclical change, that the AFC

will once again have its day. How long do they wait for that? How much is enough? Thirteen straight by the NFC? Sixteen? Twenty? Before the latest debacle, the debate always began with reason why the format should not be changed to make it possible for the best two teams to meet in the Super Bowl. After Sunday's game, the discussions will begin with, How can the league not afford to What about a system that would have allowed San Francisco. games have been much better more connectivity, more connectivity.

That is a remarkable difference. And it could be the impetus for one of the most significa

The current Super Bowl playoff system features AFC teams battling each other and NFC teams doing the same in each playoff round. The winners from each conference meet in the Super Bowl. The problem has been that, in recent seasons, the top three or four NFC teams would have each been prohibitive favorites over the AFC champion. And the results have shown that the NFC team that survives has already played its Super Bowl in the NFC championship game. Then it simply trounces the AFC team in the

San Francisco and Dallas, for example, were clearly the best teams in pro football this season. After San Francisco beat Dallas for the NFC title, the argument was that that game was the Super Bowl. That the game in Miami — and even the 49ers said it — was an anticlimax. The Super Bowl an anticlimax? Well, 49-26. It was



from the inside.

He stimulates the change

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outside. Now more of that than ever before is beginning to swell

league to a collective bargaining agreement in a sports climate that has clearly shown how difficult that is to achieve and a man who

has helped pave the way for the league to enjoy the richest

television contract in the history of entertainment.

He has vision. He is a thinker. He helped the league absorb the

myriad change that unfolded this season, including the salary cap and the new offensive rules. Does he sit and let this Super Bowl

thing play itself out and hope it eventually evens out? No. He acts.

owners want it? To make the Super Bowl truly super, they must.

Baseball Owners Hint at Major Offer

comprehensive proposal to the striking players since they put their

salary cap system on the table in June, management sources said.

legislator, Richard Brodsky, said he will introduce a bill that

would prohibit the New York Yankees and Mets from using

LISBON (AP) — Forward Romario, who helped Brazil win the 1994 World Cup championship, has been voted soccer's world

He beat out two other World Cup stars, Hristo Stoichkov of

Bulgaria and Roberto Baggio of Italy, in a poll of national team coaches conducted by FIFA, soccer's governing body.

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The fans want it. The players want it. Do Tagliabue and the

It starts with Tagliabue. He is a man who has helped steer the

What about a system that would have allowed San Francisco games have been much better, more competitive, more compeland Dallas to meet in the Super Bowl? Can't happen now. Might happen later.

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You could rank the playoff teams I through 12. The four divisional winners earn first-round byes. Teams 1 and 3 are in one bracket, 2 and 4 in another. That way 1 could meet 2 in the Super Bowl. Teams 1 through 4 earn first-round byes. The lowest-ranked teams always play the highest-ranked teams throughout the playoffs, A true champion would be crowned.

THIS SYSTEM would preserve the integrity of the regular season, the divisional races and the sprint for playoff homefield advantage. A team's playoff ranking and each of these other factors would be based on its regular-season record. It would create more interest. A more level playing field.

The league gears everything toward the Super Bowl and then the game continues to be a flop. Even the Canadian Football League looks at the Super Bowl and snickers. Our championship

Damaged by Storm winds, not one day was lost be-SYDNEY -A storm caused cause of weather conditions. Le Defi Français had its new damage Tuesday to several

Some BOC Yachts

yachts taking part in the third France 3 boat out ready for its leg of the BOC Challenge debut after replacing France 2. round-the-world race for solo sailors.

The Class 2 leader, David about wiped me out."

The headsail tore and the furler got caught and tried to rip the mast out," Adams said. But all is O.K. now."

Nigel Rowe of Britain, sail had been torn horizontally port team. from luff to leech and that he was making for the southern New South Wales port of Ulladulla to assess the damage.

Minoru Saito of Japan, on Shuiten-Dohji 11, was making for Ulladulla with communications problems and officials said he faced having to rewire his boat. He had already made a repair call at the nearby port of Port Kembla.

The defending BOC champion, Christophe Auguin of France in the Class-1 yacht Sceta Calberson, led the fleet by 24 nautical miles with Jean-Luc Van den Heede in Vendée En-

Auguin had recorded an overnight run of 221 miles. • The anticipated grudge race between the unbeaten Team New Zealand and Nippon Challenge was frustrated by a lack of wind that forced a

day's postponement of Ameri-

ca's Cup racing by the challengers' yachts Monday. The defenders had enough wind on their adjacent course for Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes to defeat Young America and move into a first-place tie with that team in the overall defender standings. Both have

five points, while America3 has Stars & Stripes had led by 2 minutes, 56 seconds at the sec-WASHINGTON (WP) — When major league baseball's negotiations are resumed Wednesday, the owners may make their most ond windward mark halfway through the race. On the fourth leg, Kevin Mahaney, skipper of Young America, withdrew after Meanwhile, a Baltimore city councilman, Joseph DiBlasi, introboth his boat's running backduced legislation that would bar replacement players from playing at the Orioles' Camden Yards park, and a New York state

stay winches failed. On the challengers course, the wind reached a peak of 7 knots at race time but never over the length of the 3.25-mile course. In most places it was only 3 to 4 knots, so after waiting 21/2 hours the race committee pushed back the schedule by a day. The last race of the challengers' second round-robin is now scheduled for Sunday.

It was the third postponement of a day's racing this month, and the forecast was for similar conditions Tuesday. In • Lee Trevino on the three things that go on an aging golfer:

"His nerves, his memory and I can't remember the third thing."

San Diego's notoriously light

France 3 boat out ready for its which won only one of its five races in the first round.

The other challenger races re-Adams, aboard True Blue and scheduled for Tuesday pitted lying seventh overall, said the oneAustralia against France 3, winds hit 60 knots and "just Nippon against Team New Zealand and Sydney 95 against Rioja de España.

Stars & Stripes was to run against America3.

It was a subdued victory for the Stars & Stripes crew, which aboard Sky Catcher, reported had dedicated the race to a se-to race officials that his main-nior member of its shore sup-Donn Weust, 47, who was

responsible for moving Stars & Stripes in and out of the water, died of a heart attack Sunday in the compound's workshop. He had worked for Conner's America's Cup teams since 1985.

(AFP, AP, Reuters)

Mansell Deal With McLaren Is Reported

The Associated Press

LONDON - Nigel Mansell's return to Formula One with the McLaren-Mercedes team is expected to be announced Friday.

Mansell, the former Formula One and Indy-car champion, has reportedly agreed to an \$8million contract with the Eng-land-based team for the 1995

"Negotiations are well advanced but nothing has been signed," Mansell's spokeswoman, Sue Membury, said.

McLaren refused to discuss the matter, but has scheduled a news conference Friday in Lon-

After being spurned by the Williams-Renault team, Mansell began negotiating with McLaren, the only major team with a driver vacancy. McLaren's managing director, Ron Dennis, who has openly criti-cized Mansell in the past, cleared the way when he allowed Martin Brundle to sign with Ligier.

McLaren's other driver is Finland's Mika Hakkinen, who filled the team's No. 2 spot in a list published by the sport's governing body last week. The No. 1 spot was left vacant.

Mansell returned to Formula One last season after a disappointing year on the Indy-car

The 16-race Formula One

season begins with the Argentine Grand Prix on March 12.

New York Times Service

MIAMI — After putting on one of the most exhibitating displays of offense in Super Bowl history, the San Francisco 49ers were still giddy. And even though they could lose their offensive and defensive coordinators, it is likely they will make

a strong run for a sixth title next year. Coach George Seifert, asked whether San Francisco had built a dynasty, replied: "I imagine it's something that perpetuates

itself and maintains itself at a successful level over a period of time. Hopefully, we're looked upon as having a dynasty at this moment."

49ers Face Losing Their Offensive and Defensive Coaches

Two who may not remain with the team are Mike Shanahan and Ray Rhodes.

Shanahan, the offensive coordinator,

met the morning after the victory with the Denver Broncos' owner, Pat Bowlen, to discuss the vacant head coaching job there. Bowlen said he had offered him the post,

but added that Shanahan had also planned to meet with the Philadelphia Eagles about their head-coaching vacancy. Rhodes, the defensive coordinator, has

been mentioned as a head coaching candidate in Philadelphia and with the Rams. Seifert said that losing Shanahan and Rhodes would be painful, but pointed out

that other coaches, including Bill Walsh, Mike Holmgren and Sam Wyche, had left and the team had remained successful.

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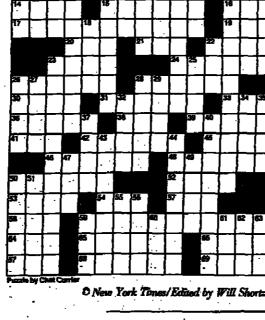
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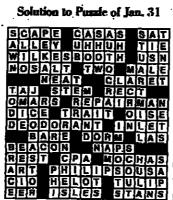
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OBSERVER

Buzzards in Burgville

By Russell Baker EW YORK - Not much to report from Burgville. We've had O. J. on the television night and day, and of course President Clinton's State of the Union speech went on for 20 years.

Colonel Rip Van Cantata, dean of Burgville Republicans, went to sleep when the speech started, the way he always does when there's a Democrat on television, saying, "Don't wake me till the rascal's through," and Mrs. Cantata had to start him on intravenous feeding two

I'm making that up, of course, and it's shameful. It's tempting to be smart-alecky about Clinton's not being able to turn himself off, and there's nothing funny about it. The poor man has acute loquacity

This comes from the delusion that if you keep talking long enough nobody will notice you don't have much on your mind.

People say we don't have much on our minds here in Burgville either, but that's because all they ever see us do is watch television. I hate this belittling of people just because they watch TV instead of going

How do they know we wouldn't go to the opera if we had an opera house to go to? Burgville is just as hospitable to grandeur as the next place. That's why a gigantic new gasstation-and-convenience-store is going up smack in the middle

Admittedly it's no Lincoln Center, but it's going to be one spectacular place to drink a Dr Pepper while pumping your

Anyhow, with TV bringing the world into the house, why go outside? That's why there are so few people on our streets.

Burgville is sitting home in the great world outside.

A cultural feast, too. For some reason the cable didn't rerun "The Three Tenors" all week, but while surfing the shopping channels looking for a bargain in earrings for my wife's birthday I crashed right into the middle of "Brideshead

And watched three or four minutes. It's that Evelyn Waugh story about a grown man attached to his teddy bear. Acclaimed by millions in its day. Imagine: Evelyn Waugh coming into every wired home

in Burgville. Pretty nice. The big event, though, was the Simpson trial. After watching the prosecution present its case, I realized Simpson was guilty. Then I watched the defense present its case and realized Simpson was innocent.

So who did it? The butler? Not if I understood the defense correctly. It was the Los Angeles Police Department. This prompted me to call some local lawyers to ask if Burgville was witnessing a precedent-shattering courtroom moment.

There were other good moments, like going through the Burgville Supermarket checkout line and finding that People magazine's annual "Sexiest Man Alive" designee was the movie actor Brad Pitt. Poor little fellow.

It was a rotten thing to hap-pen to Pitt. but better Pitt than me, and I romped home to tell the family the good news.

As I entered the yard the sun was setting and the buzzards were coming back to their tree roosts. Burgville is famous for its buzzards.

The setting sun caught their wings from underneath and turned all to gracefully swooping golden hawks. Such are the joys of Burgville.

New York Times Service

The £500,000 Tempest in London's Literary Teapot

By Sarah Lyall
New York Times Services

ONDON - In London's tight-knit literary world, the exciting news in November that the novelist Martin Amis had demanded an incredible (for here) advance of £500,000 (about \$795,000) for his forthcoming novel, The Information," spread like wildfire in a

parched forest. But it didn't become apparent until recently, when a deal was finally consummated and the smoke began to clear, that almost everyone involved had been burned along the way.

There was Amis's longtime publisher, a division of Random House U. K., and his longtime agent, Pat Kavanagh, both of whom were replaced during the negotiations. There was the formidable novelist A. S. Byatt, who gave Amis an unusual public tongue-lashing.

There was the sharp-shooting Andrew Wylie, Amis's new agent, whom the British press nick-named the Jackal. And then there was Amis himself, pilloried for unseemly and un-British greed by an unforgiving London press.

"I think everyone was taken aback by the extent of the attention," said one British editor, who, like most people involved in the situation, would only speak anonymously. "But I think that it has to do with the fact that there are very, very few writers in this country with any kind of popular press presence, and he's one of them, for reasons that partly have to do with his father." (That would, of course, be Kingsley Amis, author of "Lucky Jim" and many other works that have made him an institution here.)

It was last fall when the 45-year-old Martin Amis, known as much for his reputation as a literary bad boy as for his novels, instructed Kavanagh to seek £500,000 for "The Information," the story of a writer with trouble at home who confronts his own failure and his best friend's success. (Amis himself recently left his wife for a younger woman, an American, add-

ing prurient interest to anything he does here.)
The figure came out — leaked, probably, by a stunned employee at Amis's publisher, Jona-

Part of what took everyone aback, said Peter Straus, the editor of Picador, a division of Macmillan, is that Amis is a literary novelist, not a commercial writer like the high-earning authors Jeffrey Archer, John Grisham and Barbara Taylor Bradford.

"Commerce and literature are still meant to be separate in England," Straus said. "If you're writing mass-market fiction, it doesn't matter your price: You can be as vulgar as you want in terms of money. But somehow that isn't the same for literary fiction."



Martin Amis was pilloried for un-British greed by an unforgiving London press.

Cape, in conjunction with Penguin, offered about \$525,000 in a deal that included hard-was folie de grandeur. cover and paperback rights, arguing that it would be virtually impossible for the book to earn back the hefty advance the author sought.

People at the company say that two of Amis's best-known books, "Money" and "London Fields," have sold about 40,000 copies apiece in hardback, and about 230,000 in paperback, in Britain and the Commonwealth. The Information" would have to sell twice as many copies in hardback to break even, pub-

Amis turned down the offer and in the subsequent melee, Kavanagh obtained an offer of about \$730,000 from HarperCollins U.K. Amis turned that down, too. That's when

"He must believe that his name is so extraor dinary that anyone will pay an extra £250,000 to have him on their list," she said. Calling Amis's approach "a kind of male turkey cocking," she went on: "I always earn out my advances and I don't see why I should subsidize his greed, simply because he has a divorce to pay for and has just had all his teeth redone."

Byatt's comments were widely reprinted, the conventional wisdom being that whatever their merits, she had violated the unwritten compact of solidarity among authors and had badly misstepped on the issue of Amis's teeth.

Friends of the author say he has indeed endured painful and costly dental treatments, Byatt, a Cape author who won the Booker Prize dictated not by vanity, but by acute medical in 1990 for her novel "Possession." weighed in necessity. (Amis wouldn't comment.)

Meanwhile, Amis removed his old friend Kavanagh (who also happens to be married in another of his old friends, the novelist Julian Barnes), replacing her with Andrew Wylie a New Yorker known for driving hard American

bargains. Wylie, as it happens, also represents Amis's girlfriend, Isabel Fonseca, as well as Salman Rushdie and several other British authors. The British press reacted with a barrage of unital

tering profiles of Wylie. Wylie traveled to London several weeks ago and conducted an auction of his own, In the and conducted an auction of his own, in the end, people with knowledge of the deal say, he obtained somewhere between \$730,000 and \$795,000 from Harper Collins, a sum interest. ingly enough, not substantially different from what Kavanagh had negotiated earliet

The deal includes a volume of short stories but editors here said that it might well be the most ever paid for a literary novel in Britain "He's a brilliant writer and I'm pleased that he's been paid a brilliant advance." Strans said but I think it's too high."

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At the same time, high advances often make mischief with other authors, who gramble bir terly that they deserve more money, too. The talk creates a lot of bad feeling, said to victor, a literary agent. "You get people asking what happens to all that money. And you can see a queue starting to form outside of Eddie Bell's door," he added, referring to the publisher of HarperCollins U. K., whose authors will undoubtedly expect raises, too.

In the United States, Random House agreed some time ago to pay \$400,000 for hard-cover and paperback rights to Amis's previous novel. "Time's Arrow," and a subsequent one, which turned out to be "The Information." The Bar ish reaction to the Amis affair mystified many.

Americans, who are well used to star authority. big egos and big money.

"It's a great sale with great money, but it's not \$5 million or \$10 million," said Pole Grand zardi, the editorial director of Harmony Book the Random House imprint that published the Random House imprint that published the Random House imprint that published that "The Information was Amis's best work yet. "My feeling is this once people start to read the book they I know all this, because it really delivers," he said. The book is to be published in March in Britain that in late May in the United States.

Amis has recently returned to Britain from the United States and declined to be unterviewed. Wylie had no comment, either Karan agh, Amis's former agent and friend, world say only that "the ironies inherent in this ontcome will not be lost on any of the participants?"

WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather. Europe North America North America Rain will soak the West Coast from Oregon north into British Columbia with snow in the Coscades and northern Rockies Dry, mid seather will prevail in the Southwest. The East Coast will be dry and chilly. Snow is possible in Chicago and Toronto Thursday and Friday

Rain will again affect the U.K. Thursday into Friday then move east into Denmark, northern Germany and southern Sweden. Drier weather a slated for much of France and southern Germany. There will be a few showers in taly and Greece.

Latin America Asia Japan and Korea will remain cold with loolated snowfall in northern Japan and generally dry weather elsawhere. Most of eastern Chras will be dry and seasonable. The eastern side of Southeast Asia, especially Vietnam, will be cool and damp with some rain.

North America

THE big winner at the American Music Awards was the vocal group Boyz II Men, which took three prizes, followed by the Swedish pop group Ace of Base, the balladeer Michael Bolton and country singer Reba McEntire with two each. The artist formerly known as Prince caused a buzz when he appeared with a scantily clad dancer during his number. Cameras cut discreetly to a long shot from the back of the auditorium to avoid close-ups.

A new swept-back, lacquered hairstyle sported in New York by Princess Diana is causing a stir in London, where hair stylists lined up to welcome the change without quite managing to applaud the style. Diana unveiled her new look, styled by Sam McKnight, at an awards ceremony at the Council of Fashion Designers of America. Rick Haylor, who manages the John Frieda salon in London, applauded the change, swept off the forehead and slicked back in a "fresh out of the modern, and she is to be applauded for going fo something new, for trying to re-create herself, he said. "But it is not as flattering as it could be. Jackie Wadeson of Hair Magazine said: "The new style is very Madonna-ish, but it is not quite long enough for this style." Then again, Wade-son said, "I personally think she looks lovely."



PEOPLE

New-look Diana at fashion ceremony in New York.

When the Playboy interviewed Jesnifer Goust sat down with the Russian ultrastationalist Visit mir Zhirinovsky, she figured these would be some talk about sex. What she didn't expect the writer says, was "blatant sexual harassment" Gould says Zhirinovsky repeatedly urged her and her 20 year-old female translator to have sex with 20-year-old female translator to have sex with him and his two male bodygnards. And it's all out tape. "We'll understand one another fletter if you undress right now," Zhirisovsky told Gould "You will lie on these little beds, and these bods will caress you. And I will be listening to you and continue talking myself continue talking myself . . .

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Chery Chase spent a night in jail in Bosen. Hills after police stopped him for unsafe disting and his blood-alcohol level was found to be pince than twice the legal limit.

vard's Hasty Pudding theater club has named them its 1995 woman and man of the year Pfeiffer will lead a parade through Harvard Square and receive the traditional pot on Feb. 13. Hanks will receive his pot and a roast on Feb. 21.



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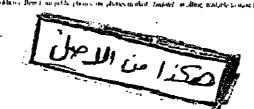
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